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EGMORE,
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P. MACQUEEN,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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VOLUME No. IX.

[December 1703 to December 1704]

No. 1

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^ta^. Councill.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Upon the 29th. of November wee rec̃d your Letter dated the 4th. wth. the Pacquetts for Surat wch. were forwarded by an express to Callicutt on the first Currant, as were also your Pacquetts for Suratt & [B'bay] wch. Cap^tn^. Gostlin sent a shoar upon the 24th. of November whilst the Pyratts were in pursuite of him. Recd. 30th Decem^br^. 1703.

Cap^tn^. Gostlin Escaped from the Pyratt in the height, But the Pembrook fell into their hands and was after some days released again, when the Rogues had taken out of her, what they Pleased, wee have heard no news these 8 or 9 days of the Pyratt, and conclude therefore that she is gone off the Coast, wch. is a good hearing, for otherwise she would have wrought a world of mischeife, seeing she was furnisht with perfect advises in writeing by one Doctor Maxwell a Scotch man and Agent for the Com̃odore of Cochin, of every English Vessell that was designed for this Coast from Madrass Bengall or the Streights, but the Pyratts say they will not goe out of their way to look for any English Vessell and thô they knew very well, that the Resolution a weakly mañed Ship lay at Cannanore and another at Tuttacarreen, yet they would not seek for them.

Haveing rec̃d no news from the Northward wee can advise you nothing of the Condition of our freinds at Suratt, were wee fear they are in trouble enough, Wee most Respectfully take leave and Rest.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

Your most humble Obedient Servants,

Anjengo December ye 8th 1703.

John Brabourne.
Simon [Cowse].
William Kyffin.

No. 2

To Thomas Pitt Esqr. &c^ta^.
Councill for Affairs of the Company of Merchants of London tradeing to the East Indies.

S^rs^.

Yours of the 26th. Ulto^o^. I rec̃d the 9th Instant and in answer to the sec^d^. Paragraph wherein you offered your advice or assistance, I return you my hearty thanks and shall take the freedom of makeing use of your offered freindship when there is occasion, if it lyes in my power to do you any Service in these parts you shall not find mee backward in serving you, Recd. 3d. Jan^ry^. 1703-04.

The 18th. Instant arrived in this Road a Dutch Ship from Bengall, she brings the Good News of ye Welfare of all our Country men there, who Injoy their Liberty & freedom of Trade without any Molestation from the Moors, they had news of the troubles the Europeans were in at Surat, before this Dutch Ship sailed out of Hughly river, and comeing out of said river, they mett a French Briggantine and Sloop bound up to their Factory but know not from whence they came,

Wee have some horses here belonging to our Honble. Directors the Greatest part were bought for the Embassy, the rest you shall have sent you to Madras when my Hono^ble^. Masters send mee their orders to do it,

No Letters from any English ₱ this Dutch Ship, therefore cannot fix the time wee may expect ours from Bengall but the People belonging to this Ship say wee shall have them before the middle of January, I wish you a Prosperous new Year and Remain.

METCHLEPATAM. Srs. Your most humble Servant,

DECEMBER 1703. WILLIAM TILLARD.

No. 3

TO THE HONO^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^E^.
PRESIDENT FOR THE UNITED TRADE ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL,
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^TA^. COUNCILL,

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Recd. 8th Janry. 1703–04. ₱ Pattamars.

Yours of the 24th. came to hand the 28th. past month by wch. gladly understood the safe arrivall of the Tavestock on the 14th, and that the Dutches was bound directly for Bengall where wee hope it will please God she arrives in safety.

Inclosed wee reĉd a paper containing Copy of the 2, 3, 4, 6, 19, 21, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40 and 43 Paragraphs of the Hono^ble^. Mañagers for the United Trade Letter to your Hono^r^: &c^ta^. bearing date the 9th. March Which wee have carefully perused, and shall take especial regard thereto and order a due observance of them, Wee therein observe that M^r^. John Pitt was ordered Governour of this Place, But he being dead you have been pleased to continue the Present Deputy Governour, who won't faile faithfully to Discharge his trust for the Interest of the United Trade.

Wee shan't faile of a dilligent execution of the Mañagers orders for the United Stock in all respects whatsoever and hope to have our Books in a readiness to goe home by the next Ship, But request you will please to send us some Factors or writers quallifyed to assist in that business, For M^r^. Hayne's illness has occasioned their being behind hand.

The Hono^ble^. the Presidents advice of the arrivall of the Tavestock came here in due time, wth. severall private Letters belonging to the Gentlemen of this Place,

From the receipt of your orders wee have commenced new Consultation Books, Letter Books and what other necessary to keep a destinct account of [the United] Trade, But wee think the Cash Book att [all times must] remain under the Title of y^e^. old Company and the United Trade have Credit for all the Revenues reĉd from the 22^d^. July 1702 and must be debted for the Charges of Garrison &c^a^. from that time; But as soon as wee receive any effects of the United Companyes wee shall keep a destinct Cash Book under their Title.

Wee shall observe your Hono^r^. &c^a^. direction & write apart of all Affairs that relate to the United Trade.

Tomorrow shall send to Pondicherry and if possible, Procure some Paper, Quills &c^ta^. and send your Hono^r^. &c^ta^. what is to be had, Wee are.

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^TA^.

Your most humble Servants

FORT S^T^. DAVID JANUARY 3^D^. 1703 04.

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
EDM^D^. MOUNTAGUE.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 4

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t. Hono^ble. United Company
Tradeing to the East Indies &c^ta. Councill,

S^rs.

I rec̃d yours of the 18th. December which shall not faile to answer within 4 or 5 days M^r. Trewen ꝑ whom this goes will acquaint you what wee have done relateing to the Dead Stock here, and at Maddapollam, I desire you'l excuse my not writeing you concerning it at this time, you shall be sure to have it at large ꝑ next, this being Cheifly to request your forwarding two Pacquetts of Letters to the Directores, one to M^r. Peter, Godfrey and 4 other Private Letters wch. I rec̃d formerly from Suratt, hope to dispatch Peons [. . . with Letters] very speedily — Recd. 16th. Janry. 1703–04 ꝑ Ship Colchester.

The Rev^d. M^r. John Landen late Minister at this Factory comes ꝑ this Ship Colchester, I suppose hee'l wait upon your Hono^r. &c^ta. So soon as comes on shoar, wish you prosperous in your undertakeings and Remain,

S^rs,

Metchlepatam. Your most humble Servant,

Jan^ry. ye 10th 1703 14. William Tillard.

No. 5

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants
tradeing to the East Indies &c^ta. Councill

Hono^ble. &c^a.

On the 9th. at night was Hono^rd. wth. yours of the 18th. Ulto^o. adviseing the good news of the Tavestocks arrivall wch. wee gladly rec̃d, the Dutches on the Date of your Letter put in here for advises relateing to the French in Bengall and to refresh her men, the Cap^ta. and Ships Comp^a. being Generally sick, on the 8th. Instant she sailed again wth. a favourable wind, the Cap^tn. and all on board being much refreshed, and mended, wee gladly rec̃d the advice of ye Mañagers haveing appointed such worthy persons to carry on their Affairs, to whom observe their orders as wee shall punctually obey yours to us, in order to which when the month is expired wee shall send you a List of our Expences and what your Hon^r. &c^a. shall Judge therein to be more then absolutely necessary, upon your directions shall be reduced. — Rec̃d 19th. Jan^ry. 1703–04. ꝑ Ketch Queen Ann,

Wee observe what you write relateing to Investments, but hope your Hono^r. &c^a. will find some money to spare us for that, and in order to receive our Garrison Charges &c^a. for which and our other necessary [. . .] desire you ꝑ first opportunity to send us [. . .] Factors provisions of all sorts not [haveing] anything of that nature to carry on our business with.

Wee shall observe to direct our Letters as you order and shall send you an account, of our Dead stock and its Condition with our Books ending last Aprill wch. will be finisht in about 8 days,

The Packets for Bengall wee dispeeded immediately by two nimble Peons, and wch. is what at present offers from

Hono^ble &c^a.

Your most humble Servants

Simon Holcombe.
Thomas Stables.
Robert Cranwill.

No. 6

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for the United Trade On the Coast of Chormandell and
Governour of Fort St. George and St. David &cta. Councill.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Wee have recd yours of the 10th. Instant which came to hand the 14th.

Recd 24th Janry 1703-04 ℣ Pattamar

By the Queen Ann Ketch shall expect the Supply of Factors and writers Your Honor. &ca. has promised to send us, Which wee earnestly request may be such as are well qualified to help bring up the Books, write good hands, and capable of assisting in the business of this Place, for our accommodations are so scanty that we have no roome for any others amongst us,

Haveing no effects belonging to the United Trade in our hands was the reason wee thought the Cash Book ought to be [kept under] the head of the Old Company, from [. . .] monthly collected what revenues were recd, and what the Charges of Garrison Amounted to, and so carrried to Account in the Generall Books, But since your Honor. &cta. are pleased to direct a destinct Cash Book, Wee shall commence the same from the beginning of this month, and carry the Ballance of the same to the Credit of the Old Company.

The Present prospect of approaching Troubles will hinder us from disposeing of any great quantity of Europe Cloth, so cannot advise your sending hither above fifteen or twenty Bales, amongst which please to send us, two or three Bales of fine Scarletts, and the like quantity of Aurora's all wch. wee shall endeavour to dispose of, for the best advantage possibly wee can,

Inclosed wee send your Honor. &ca, a List of what at present wee want out of the List of Stores sent us, particularly request the Musquetts may be fitt for Service, most of thoso wee have here being Old and useless, Wee crave leave to subscribe,

Honoble Sr. &ca

Fort St. David
Janry. ye 20th $170\frac{3}{4}$

Your most Humble Servants

Gabriel Roberts.
Edmd. Mountague.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

No. 7

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &ca. Councill for Affairs of the Rt. Honoble. United Company Tradeing to the East Indies,

Srs.

Recd 31st Janry. $170\frac{3}{4}$ — Pattamar.

Am now to answer yours of ye 18th Decr. wch. I recd 31st Ditto with severall from Europe according [to list inclosed] Mr. Frewen & my self did take an account of all the Dead Stock at both Factoryes here and at Maddapollam of wch. I desired him to deliver you four Inventoryes Vizt.

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The Old Compas Dead Stock at Maddapollam amts to.		1738 :— :—
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in the last of which wee have omitted giveing an Account of the Tent wth. its appertunances wch. cost upwards of 360 Pagodas and has been very little used, and I beleive is not much the worse for lying by, therefore do you value it as you think fitt.

The Dead stock I am ready to deliver up to any one you shall order to receive the same, it cannot be expected that I should take Charge of it, and so much business to finish belonging to the Hono^{ble} Directors for the Seperate Trade of the New Company, My Masters have given mee leave to return when their Accounts are made up, and I suppose ' tis for that reason the Hono^{ble}. Managers take no notice of mee in their Generall Letter and to enter myself now in their Service would be great folly, but if I were inclinable to do it Multiplicity of business to settle the Old accounts would not suffer mee, therefore desire you would send down People sufficient to take Charge of the Dead Stock here and at Maddapollam who may keep an account of the same and send you what things you have occasion for at the Fort.

I would have ordered the Yatch to you before this had I not been prevented ꝑ an accident that befell the Master thereof who was unfortunately Shot in the Legg but I hope will be cured again in 14 days time, but shall now deferr sending her expecting you will grant my reasonable desire, Pray lett me know in your next who must make mee good the Charges wee have been at on the Dead stock Since the 22^{d} July 1702.

In the Inventory of the new Comp^{as} Dead Stock there is a Dark Grey Horse [put down] and valued at 70 Pag^{s}. wch. in my opinion does [belong to the] United Company because presented after [. . .] We rec͠d news of the Union of the two Companyes.

In my last I gave you an account of the Reverend M^{r}. Landens comeing to you on the Colchester he has been paid his salary due from our Hono^{ble} Masters in full to the 10th Instant, wee have no Trumpeter nor Soldiers at present, wee have four Writers and one to take care of the Godowns and Stores, of wch. I cannot Spare any at present but that you may know how long they have been in the Country, & that they may not loose their Stations, when Entered into the United Service, I send Inclosed a List of their names, & the time of their arrivall at Metchlepatam,

The Comp^{a} does owe money to ye Merch^{ts}. occasion'd ꝑ the Loss of the Norris, I thank you for your offered assistance in Affairs of the Seperate Trade, but cannot tell how you can be any ways helpfull to mee in this Case, unless you can propose a way to pay the Merchants the money due to them,

I despair of the recovery of the Norris Wrack [*sic*] wee have already been sweeping for it about Due point and in Pettipollee Bay, and been with our Yatch and Boats to the Southward of Daurumpair busking for it, if you can think of any other expedient where by we may be in some hopes of its recovery shall very willingly embrace the proposall,

I find in the Generall United orders for the Coast, in the 11th Paragraph there is mention made of a printed Indulgence to the Com̃anders and Officers, whereby they are restrained to particular to Com̃odities if you please to send mee Copy thereof I shall be very thankfull I Remain

S^{RS}.

METCHLEPATAM,
JAN^{RY}. Y^{E} 20TH 170$\frac{3}{4}$

Your most Humble Servant
WILLIAM TILLARD.

I desire you would forward the accompanying Box sealed and directed to the Hono^{ble}. Directors for Affairs of the Seperate Trade Containing Sundry Letters & Papers to them also one Letter to the Hono^{ble}. Managers for the United [Trade]

N°. 8

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.

President and Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^ta^. Councill

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Recd ye. 5th Febry. 170¾. Our last was dated ye 8th Curr^t^ of which a Copy is Inclosed & yesterday wee recd yours of the 29th Novemb^r^. wth. a Copy of some Paragraphs of S^r^. Nicholas Waites Letter to Metchlepatam, wch. was news to us, who have heard nothing at all from Surrat or from Bombay Since the Pyrats robbed the Moors ship near Surat.

The Bearer hereof Cap^tn^. Weoley will give your Hono^r^. &c^ta^ a destinct Account of all Passages that happened dureing his aboad on board the Pyrat, and of what he observed & knew of the assistance of the Dutch at Cochim give to those Villains whereunto wee have added the Testimonies Inclosed of M^r^. Thomas Punt & M^r^. John Eaglesfield by all which your Hono^r^. &c^ta^. will see the Co̅modore of Cochim in pursuit of his own Averice, has no regard to the Prejudice his Masters receive by the Robberys committed upon the Mogulls Vessells, from this wicked Principle reigning among the Dutch, proceeds all the present Callamitys at Surat and elce where, for when the Speaker was cast away upon the Island of Mauritius, & all the Pyrats with their money saved the Dutch Govr. sold them a Sloop for Dollars 2500, with wch they transported themselves to Madagascar where they surprised [y^e^] Prosperous and the Happy return & wth them have wrought all this mischeife,

Wee hope your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will judge it convenient to send these advices to Battavia or to Negapatam from whence they may be forwarded to Battavia, for ' tis a shame that this Co̅modore should thus Reign in his wickedness, and as for his Councill & the Rest of his Inhabitants they are all in Generall polluted, & so they were two years agoe when the Speaker was here, thô wee had not then so clear Information as wee have now,

The Dutch upon this Coast talk high as if they were resolved to revenge themselves of the Moors of Surat But we fancy they rather hope wee would do so, Wee Remain

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Your most faithfull

& Obedient Servants,

Anjengo,
December ye 30th 1703.

John Brabourne.
Simon Cowse.
[Will]iam Kyffin.

N°. 9

Mr. Punts Relation about the Pyratts at Cochim.

A Narrative of what I Particularly Acted & Observed in the time of the Piratts Laying at Cochim,

Recd 6th Febry. 170¾. About the Latter end of October 1703, there anchored near Cochin a Ship with English Colours, & I being in hopes it was a Ship from Europe, and also desireous to hear news went of to them in a Small boat, haveing in Company with mee, one Thomas Brown our Boatswain, when came on board (contrary to our Expectation) wee found they were Pyratts, and that they had severall People wch. they had taken, on board them, amongst the Rest one Cap^tn^. George Weolly, whom they said they did design to release, and as for my self they told mee I was at Liberty to goe and come when I pleased, wch. did not a little comfort mee, I being very doubtfull of my liberty before, I offered my service to Cap^tn^. George Weolly, to assist in getting him on Shoar, wch. he very willingly embraced, and desired mee to come of again in a boat that was something bigger the boat I being in then being very small, The same night I returned on Shoar again and communicated what is here mentioned to Cap^tn^. Bennett Smith and he the same to M^r^. John Maxwell, and

they jointly to the Comodore and Councill of Cochim, who gave us Liberty of a Boat to fetch the said Cap^{tn}. George Weolly a Shoar (as they told mee) the said Maxwell provided a Boat, and the next day wee went off and brought the said Cap^{tn}. George Weoly a Shoar, the time I was on board the Pyratt, there came on board a great quantity of Boats, bringing all things necessary for human life, amongst the rest, that came on board I saw severall officers of the Garrison, as the Trumpeter, Serjeants, and Corporalls, I asked them how they dared Venture on board, but they scrupled not to tell mee that the Pyratts were their very good ffriends and they had licence to assist them, and that the things they brought off was not all their own, but belonged to severall [. . .] who were their very good ffreinds, some [. . .] to the same Persons houses in Cochim and amongst other discourse they told mee they had sent M^{r}. Maxwell at severall times on board, and they did beleive he had cleared a great deal of money, wch. indeed was afterwards confirmed by Maxwells acknowledgeing to mee he had cleared (In the severall times he had been on board) 2000 Dollars telling mee he wondred I should lett Slipp such an opportunity of getting of money, two days after I came on Shoar with Cap^{tn}. Weolly our owner Malapa by name sent for mee and told mee when I went on board the Pyrat again if I could perswade any two of them to come on Shoar that had a great deal of money he would secure them, and that he did design to sell that Ship Josiah to the Pyratts, in order to which he had sent off by M^{r}. Maxwell the Dementions of her Hull Masts and Yards telling mee if I would carry her of to them it should be the better for mee, but findind [*sic*] he was mistaken in the Person, he told mee he always, took me for a faithfull Servant, I replyed his expression did not appear like the face of an Honest designe, and that I preferred my life and Creditt before his favours, wch. put him into a Consternation, & so I left him, two days after being in Company wth. the Warehousekeeper one of the Councill, and the Gunner of the Citty they told me Maxwell was a great Rogue for they said he had not given them $\frac{1}{8}$ of what he had recd for their Goods on board the Pyrat, and that was not all they said, for he had two Pyratts on shoar, & concealed them, the truth of these matters I was resolved to know, in order to which I examined Maxwells boy, Who told me his Master had brought two Men on Shoar, and that he would Show mee the house they were in, which he did, I went into them & asked how they came on Shoar, they told mee that Maxvell brought them ashoar and that Malpa would take further care to secure them, intending to send them on board his Ship wch. was bound for the Maldiva and when they came there they said they did not doubt but they should find means for their further security wch. is all the discours I had with [. . .] being very uneasie the time I was there telling mee I must be gone, by reason there were comeing to advise with them two of the head men in Cochim, I two hours after I had advice they were removed to another Place the names of the two Pyrats are John Bess, and Richard Cakle, all the time the Pyratt lay near Cochim wch. was 10 or 12 days there was a continual concourse of People bearing of burthens, I often would ask some of them where they were going and they did not Scruple to tell mee on board the Pyrat to sell their Goods, and others that came from on board and had made a good Voyage, I seeing such things winckt at, and such under hand dealings on all sides, was very uneasy, and told our owner I designed to serve him no Longer, and so came down to Anjengo in Company with Captn. George Weolly.

ANJENGO DECEMBER Y^{E} 30TH 1703 THOMAS PUNT.

No. 10

M^{R}. EAGLESFEILD'S RELATION ABOUT THE PYRAT AT COCHIM.

John Eaglesfeild says that being Master of a Surat Moors Ship bound from Bengall to Persia, he lost his Passage and wintered in Mud Bay near Cochim, upon the Mallabar Coast, that in the month of October 1703, a Pyrat of which John Bowen was Cap^{tn}. arrived near Cochim, wch. Pyrat wrote to the owners of the RECD 5TH. FEBRY. 1703.

said Ship, that he would burn her unless the owner would furnish the said Pyrat, with a Cable, Rice, Sugar and other necessarys whereupon the said owner sent the said Eaglesfeild on board the Pyratt, to Pacifie, the Rogues and endeavour to perswade them not to burn the said Ship, & the owner to safe his Ship, spared the Pyrat what he demanded, for all wch. the Pyrat paid money to the Servant of the owner, wch. Servant was an Indian, Dureing the said Eaglesfeilds being on board the Pyrat he saw there one Maxwell a Scotch man [who was formerly] Doctor or Surgeon of y^e^. new Factory at Surat, he the said Maxwell brought on board ye Pyratt a Chest of Atlasses said to belong to the wife of the Comodore of Cochim, and a Letter written in Portuguez for ye Cap^tn^. of the Pyrat, wch. Letter the Cap^tn^. Said was from the wife of the Comodore, the said Maxwell brought Severall Cases of Brandy, & Bottles of Persia Wine said to belong to the Comdore of Cochim he brought also a Box of Medicines said to belong to the Surgeon of Cochim, and a Letter from the said Surgeon to the Cap^tn^. of the Pyratt, he brought off Gold to Exchange for Silver, & he brought of Salt sent by Mallapa the Dutch Broaker to salt up their provisions, He the said Eaglesfeid saw the said Maxvell sell a Callaboy of Wine for Eighty Doll^rs^. a peice of atlass Sixty Pounds and the Gold he sold at the rate of two hundred & forty Doll^rs^. for one hundred Chequeens, Hee the said, Eaglefeild saw the Engineer of Cochim named Bosombreak ye Vintner one named Cashwarr the Trumpeter and Divers other Dutchmen whose names he does not know all came Traffiqueing with provisions & Liquors & necessarryes on board the Pyratt, Hee saw also some quantityes of wrought plate brought on board the Pyrat but knows not whose it was.

ANJENGO DECEMBER THE 30TH. 1703. JOHN EAGLESFEILD.

No. 11

TO THE HONO^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^. PRESIDENT FOR THE UNITED TRADE ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL, AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE & S^T^. DAVID &C^TA^. COUNCILL.

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

RECD 12TH. FEBRY. 170¾.

On the p^mo^. Instant came to hand your Hono^r^. &c^as^. bearing [. . .] past month Which wee had answered sooner, but have been endeavouring to bring the Merchants to some Conclusion about makeing an Investment provideing Cloth for the United Account And Inclosed recd Copyes of the 18th. and 27th. Paragraphs of R^t^. Hono^ble^. the Mannagers Letter directing for the future what order wee must Observe in provideing their Goods, wch. wee shall take care strictly to observe, and punctually comply with to the best of our Power.

On Monday last wee Summon'd all the Principall Merchants of Cuddalore and Tevenapatam and acquainted them that wee had recd orders about a new Investment, and that such of them as were willing to undertake the same, wee were ready to agree with them upon a muster and price, and with all acquainted them that it was ye Comp^as^ orders, that no money should be Issued out to Joint Stock Merchants or any other, To wch. after some small debates they replyed, that it was impossible for them to provide Cloth for the Comp^a^. unless wee had power to Issue out money as formerly, neither had they Estates Sufficient to provide Goods, for the Company upon these termes, and except they could have money before hand would not undertake the same, The Companys Merchants are willing to undertake for as much as their Joint Stock, But it seems to be the Managers order, that all sorts of People should be Incouraged to bring in Goods, thereby to hinder the Combination of the Joint Stock Merchants, and to find out the Cheapest Sellers, We shall awaite your Hono^r^. &c^as^. further directions, and in the Interim endeavour to bring the Merchants to the Cheapest Term wee can advise thereof,

Wee are in great want of money to defray the Necessary Charges of this Garrison therefore earnestly request your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. won't faile to send us some very Speedily.

The Junoanners of Boomipollam are are [*sic*] [grown] to that Pitch of Insolence that they now [. . .] wee send and force from them their Turbetts Clouts and what money they have, and those near the Bounds give so much trouble to our Merchants by stopping their Cloth, drubbing the Ox drivers and extorting obligations from them, that they shall bring in no Goods of the Comp^{as}. but only particular Merchants because of their Juncan, some Course must be speedily taken with them or in time they will grow into a beleif wee dare not correct them for these practicess Wee are

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{TA}.

Fort S^{T}. David Feb^{RY} Y^{E}. 10TH. 170$\frac{3}{4}$. Your most humble Servants,

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^{D}. Mountague.
Vicessimus Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{a}.

Since writeing the foregoing is come to hand your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 7th. wth. Inclosed Invoice and Bill of Loading for twenty Bales Cloth, Severall Gunners and Armory Stores Loaden on board the Queen Ann Ketch, Which upon her arrivall wee shall take care to receive into the Warehouse.

Wee note what Factors and Writers you have been pleased to send to our Assistance, Whom wee shall keep Constantly Employed in bringing up the Books and Accounts that are behind hand, that so wee may have them in a readiness to go home by the next Ship, Wee are

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Your most humble Servants,

Gabriel Roberts.
Vicessimus Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.

Ditto date

No. 12

To the Hono^{BLE}. Thomas Pitt Esq^{R}.
President for the United Trade
to the East Indies, on the Coast
of Chormandell and Governour
of Fort S^{T}. George & S^{T}. David &c^{A}.
Councill.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

On the 19th. came to hand your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 16th. Which wee had sooner answered, but that wee have been endeavouring to accomplish the Investment directed by your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. Wee have had severall meetings wth. y^{e}. Joint Stock Merchants, and also Summon'd all the Principall Merch^{ts}. of this Place whom wee have acquainted wth. what methods the Hono^{ble}. Managers have directed shall be observed in their future Investments, & that therein wee were not debarred from tradeing with Joint Stock Merchants or any other who would bring Cloth in upon Recd p^{mo}. March 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

the Cheapest and best terms, But that it was their Possitive order that no money should be issued out to them or any other for fear of badd debts, To which the Joint Stock Merchants replyed that what money they had lay in the Companyes hands, so that they must take up money at Interest for this Contract wch. will make the Goods so much Dearer besides the most profitable sorts of Cloth to them is by the Mañagers left out in this List of Goods now directed to be provided, so that unless wee will agree to give them the same prizes, wee did in the Contract made in October 1702 they cannot undertake this Investment, And the Private Merchants possitively assure us they are unable to undertake it, except wee had money to issue out before hand, Itt would be needless to trouble your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. with the Long debate wee have had to Pursuade the Merchants to a reasonable compliance [. . .] came to agree upon our Musters, but have not yett fixed the prizes, As soon as that is done wee shall follow your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. directions in sending them up for your approbation and wait your further orders.

The Ballance of the Mañagers Cash last month was Sixteen hundred fifty Six Pagodas on the Debtor Side, besides wee have nothing to pay this month Expences Little or no Custome comeing in at this Season, and therefore earnestly request you will send us some mony very speedily.

About Ten days since Ramadass former Juncanneer of Boomipollam was removed from his Employ, and one Shake Nasham appointed in his Place, to whom the Deputy Governour wrote a Letter complaining of his Predecessors Insolencies, Hee returned a very civill answer wth. assurance, That dureing his time the English should meet wth. no molestation from his People, but be permitted to pass according to Sallabad, which he has hitherto comply'd with, But if hereafter they should again prove troublesome a very small force, would bring them to reason, Their distance from us is about 20 miles and their Metto near to the water side, so that a Boat or two well mann'd might Land upon them in the night, surprize and bring away the head People, who if well corrected wee think would deterr them from committing the like insolencyes.

Wee are sorry the Method wee took in writeing to the Mañagers, and adviseing the day of the Tavestocks arrivall should induce your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. to beleive wee were under apprehensions you might faile to do it, A Method wee observe has been practiced, by our Predicessours, neither could wee well acknowledge the receipt of them Paragraphs, without adviseing by what Ship wee rec̃d them, But as to any answering of them, wee have forbore saying any thing, but what immediately relates to this Place, & in y^{e}. 2^{d}. Clause of our Letter acknowledge that wee rec̃d them [from your] Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. as directions for our future Management of the United Companyes Affairs in this Place.

If M^{r}. Roberts is mistaken in thinking he has an addition made to his Salary the United Mañagers in their Answer will direct the Contrary, thô to him it do's not appear their Intention to allow more to the Second of Madrass then Deputy Governour of this Place, and thô in the 33^{d}. Paragraph of the Mañagers Letter they say that after M^{r}. Pitt this Place is to return to the Subordination of Fort S^{t}. George according to the Antient and Usuall method Practiced by the Old Company, Yett in the 40th. Paragraph they add that the additionall Salary to Messrs. Pitt, Roberts, Ellis, is given for the Persons and not the Stations sake, Wee request your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will direct what day y^{e}. Paym^{t}. of our whole Salary must commence Acco^{t}. y^{e}. United Mannagement.

The hopes wee had of sending our Books home to the first May last by the Colchester was y^{e}. reason Wee did not send an Inventory of the Dead Stock because in the head of said Books itt is particularly Entered, They are now brought up to that time, which wee shall speedily have Coppied, and also those from the p^{mo}. May 1702 to the 22^{d}. July 1702 and sent to gather in very few days, In the Interim the other shall be brought up to May next, Which the Accountant assures us shall be in a readiness to go home by the September Shipping, But wee are in great want of Book paper, and desire you will send us some, for wee have wrote to Pondicherry but fear can't get any of that sort.

Wee are very sensible that the Mañagers in the 31st. Paragraph of their Letter Appointed Mr. Vicessimus Griffith fourth of Councill of this Place, and as such (wee think) he has been regarded & Provided for, [Hee] had the Seconds Lodgings appointed him in ye. Fort [. . . . . .] Generall Table, as long as he pleased and in short all other allowances the Gentlemen of the Councill have.

Wee observe in what manner your Honr. &ca. have been pleased to Station the Gentlemen of Councill but therein have directed Seaven Stations for Six Persons, for in the absence of Mr. Empson Mr. Mountague has taken upon him the care of the Books, by your Honor. &ca. approbation, which leaves a vacancy of the thirds Employ, Therefore wee request you will please by name to appoint the rest of the Gentlemen here their severall Employs, after which wee shall take care that every man faithfully & dilligently discharges his duty in his Particular Post, and that all offices, but particularly the Customs be negotiated in the Proper Places belonging thereto, & if any one through Indisposition or otherwise be rendered unable to comply therewith, wee shall advise your Honor. &ca. according to your directions.

Wee have appointed the Factors & Writers their particular employs as hereunder If you approve thereof Vizt.

Mr. Richard Harrison Factor to be storekeeper,
Mr. Richard Skingle Factor to collect the Beetle and Tobacco of Tevenapatam & to assist copying the Books,
Mr. James Loyd Factor and Mr. Henry Cottrell writer to be assistants to the Warehousekeeper,
Mr. Nathaniell Barrow Factor & Mr. John Scarlet writer to be assistants to the Bookkeeper,
Mr. Matthew Weld to be assistant to the Paymaster,
Mr. Villiers Heveningham Writer to be assistant to the Secretary
Mr. William Dixon Writer to be assistant to the Sea and Land Customer of Cuddaloor,

Wherein wee have endeavoured to appoint each Gentleman the Station wee think he is best able to perform for the better carrying on the [Companies] affairs and Interest.

Wee never heard that the Patriarch sent for Padre Paula de Lay About two months since, he had the Deputy Governour Leave for going to Pondicherry, But upon what account wee can't tell.

Inclosed your Honor. &ca. will receive the Examination of Several Persons about an unhappy quarrell that happened at Cuddalore between Antonio De Mayo & Francisco De Pina in which the latter was killd for which reason Antonio De Mayo is Confined in Irons, and the Rest Close Prisoners, Wee shall awaite your Honr. &cas. directions what shall be done wth. the Criminalls.

One Mason a Soldier in this Garrison being very Infirm requested leave to go up to Madrass to be in the Hospital, Which was granted him, Our Doctor being Unable to do him any further service.

Wee have given our Bill upon your Honor. &ca. for One hundred Pagodas payable to Mr. William Dean, for the like Sum̃e reĉd here of Mr. John Berlu, which being the needfull, wth. due Respects crave leave to subscribe.

FORT ST. DAVID HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

FEBRY. 28TH. 170¾. Your most humble Servants,

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
VICESSIMUS GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

As to what mentioned in the 8th. Paragraph of this Letter I have now received.

No. 13

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for the United Trade
on the Coast of Chormandell
& Governour of Fort S^t^. George
& S^t^. David &c^a^. Councill.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Recd. 13th. March 170¾. On the 9th. In the Evening arrived here Doctor Landen, who brought us Your Hono^r^. &c^as^. of the 6th. Instant adviseing that under his Care by four Peons you had sent us Two Thousand Pag^s^. which wee have recd on acc^t^. the United Trade, but that will not pay the Ballance of last months Cash by One Thousand Pagodas, and therefore request you will be pleased by the first opportunity to send us a farther supply.

Wee shall endeavour to secure what freight Offers for the Stretham if she touches here, thô wee fear few will be will^g^. to send their Goods, upon a Ship that is not obliged to returne with the produce thereof hither again

With due respects wee crave leave to Subscribe

Fort S^t^. David — Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

March y^e^. 11th. 170¾.

Your most humble Servants,

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^d^. Mountague.
Vicessimus Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

No. 14

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &c^a^. Councill for Affairs
of the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United Company
Trading to the East Indies.

S^rs^.

Recd. 23d. March 170¾. Yours of the 18th. January I recd y^e^. 30th. D^o^. and find the detaining of the Colchester here is plac't to my acc^t^. which I am surprized at, when yourselves gave orders to M^r^. Trewen by his own Confession to leave some Person here in this ffactory in Case the Acco^t^. of the Dead Stock could not be taken before the Colchester was ready to saile, and if those orders had been followed the Colchester need not have staid 24 hours in this Road and as to the promiseing the Yatch I don't remember I ever denyed it him.

I shall deduct the account of the Packing Stuff Rattans and Musters out of the Account of Dead Stock according to your directions, All the Horses (excepting that one which I writt about in my last) shall be sent you so soon as receive your orders for the delivery of the same which I have not as yet recd.

Am Sorry to hear of the great Loss our Company has recd ℘ the Canterbury, I am informed since that Some body at Fort S^t^. George has bought her of the French.

I expected to have recd an answer before this to mine of the 20th. January, but since you are not pleased to favour mee with one yett, I doe now again repeat my desire to have people sent down hither to take Charge of the ffactory for I doe not

care to undertake it haveing business enough of my Masters as I writt you before and there is no reason that the Charge of keeping Servants to look after the ffactory &c^a. should be paid ℘ the Separate Company your not sending people down has put mee to a great expence in keeping Portuguez &c^a. to prevent a Surprize in Case the Morattoes Should come hither, who are now about Six Jentue League. off and tis beleived that the Severall ffusdars under Rustandell consent to their Pillageing the Country which incouragem^t [. . .] down hither, and I rec̃d a Letter two days since from one Narrain a Raja that the Morattaes designed to be here in 14 days I cannot tell but that they may be here by that time therefore thought fitt to advise you of it for wee have not People Sufficient to defend the ffactory.

This morning came in a Dutch Briggantine from Negapatam they have put on shoare 20 Europeans and a Sergeant with 12 Barrells Gunpowder what their design is I cannot yett Learne I wish Success to your Affairs and remaine,

METCHLEPATAM S^RS.

MARCH Y^E. 13TH. 170¾. Your most humble Servant,

WILL^M. TILLARD.

N°. 15

TO THE HON^BLE. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT &^A. COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. UNITED COMP^A.
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

S^RS.

Yesterday came to my hands yours of the 28th. Ult^o. and note M^r. Trewen has delivered you the Inventory of the Dead Stock the Errors therein have rectified according to your Letter formerly recd. RECD 27TH. MARCH 1704 ℘ PATTAMAR.

Before the receipt of your Letter I had ordered the Yatch to be made ready to saile & she shall be dispatcht so soon as the Companys Affairs will permitt, but I desire you would Consider the necessity wee lye under at present to keep the Yatch and Boats here in order to secure our effects in case the Morattas should come down, which by all Circumstances they will very shortly, because the Fusdars do not oppose them, wee are forced to hire other Country Boats, besides the Companys.

Metchlepatam is fortifyed ℘ the Dutch & us as well as the short time wee have will permitt but tis feared the ffuzdar[......] make no opposition when the Robbers come if so, all our preparations will signifie Little unless wee have some assistance from you, the Dutch has already rec̃d 20 Soldiers and an Officer from Negapatam and they expect a further Supply as the Dutch Cheif sent mee word yesterday, I hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will take care that wee don't want hands Sufficient the Marat-ta's being expected here in few days as writ you the 13th.

I return your Hono^r. &^a. many thanks for the good opinion you have in thinking mee Capable of serveing you in the quality of your Chief in this place, I shall endeavour by my behaviour to deserve still the same opinion from you, but desire you would excuse my not accepting your kind offer, haveing already enough to do to finish the Acc^ts. of the Seperate Affairs of our Company, did the ffactory & Dead Stock lye in the Government of your selves, I should be very Glad to accept of your Service & think it no trouble to take care of the Dead Stock were there trebble the quantity, but as it lyes in the Government of these Moors, there is great many more things to care for besides keeping a house as your Hon^r. &c^a. must know as well or better then my self, for which reason I desire you would grant mee my request, which is that you would send down some Person that may Act as Cheif of the Affairs of the United Company to give your Hono^r. &c^a. an Acc^t. of all transactions in this place, I shall not refuse my assisting him, when ever the Comp^as. Affairs require itt, and if he has occasion for a writer I can spare him one out of these

I have with mee, and in my opinion 'twill be very Convenient your Hon^r^. &c^a^. send down soldiers with him you send to take care of your Affairs, they may return again in the Yatch when these troubles are over.

If your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will give mee leave to live in your ffactory at Maddapollam, I design to goe thither to stay there till the Ships arrive from Europe which will save the Company House rent and great many other Charges, there as a good Brick wall Round the Ground there which is much out of repair for want of a Coat of Chinam [. . . .] lyes some in the ffactory and some Jaggary, your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will please to Consider whether 'twill be worth while to keep the wall in repair or not.

I thank you for the printed Indulgence sent mee, but for the Packet for Vizagapatam you mention to be inclosed I have not rēcd.

I gave an Account of the 20th. Jan^ry^. how farr wee had already gone in Search of the Norris's wreck but as your Hono^r^. &c^a^. does yett think it possible to retreive it, I am very willing to make another tryall after it, and to be at the Charge thereof, if you'l please to do mee the favour to order the fitting out Vessels and People, I shall make good the Charge, to you when the first money arrives from Europe from our Company, for I have not wherewithall at present to pay that Charge, the Master of the Yatch will shew them whereabouts the Sailors of the Norris supposed her to be blown up, but even they did not agree in their Storeys which makes it so difficult to be found, for all those which saved themselves in the Pinnace came from the Ship about 8 a Clock in the morning, and she did not blow up till about four in the Afternoon, so that the Pinnace was in this Road & y^e^. Ship to the Southward of Due Point, no body knows how far when the two Pillars of Smoak were seen to fly up in the Air, for that was all they could perceive when the Ship blew.

The Horses shall be delivered to the Person you send down for they cannot with safety be sent to Madrass while these Robbers are on the Road.

I am troubled when I consider your Hono^r^. &c^a^. gives Credit to these black people in respect to your Merch^ts^. &c^a^. at this place, I assure you what they say about their being harrest by the Government is as false as the Devill, for I have protected them ever since M^r^. Trewen went from hence, I desire you would do mee that satisfaction to give ord^rs^. to the person you send down to enquire out that fellow wch. troubles you with these Lyes, for if you so encourage them you'l never know the truth of any thing transacted in these parts, I wish Success to your under takeings and remain.

METCHLEPATAM — S^RS^. Your most humble Servt.

MARCH THE 15TH. 170¾. — WILL^M^. TILLARD.

N°. 16.

HONO^BLE^. SIR

Recd 28TH. March 1704. Having rēcd at Pollicondre a Letter from Messrs. Smith and Cunningham Second and Third in Councill there, directed to your Hono^r^. & Councill of this place wch. not being able to find I conclude was thrown in the Sea at the time of our late misfortune, I now in pursuance of your Hono^rs^. order represent such particulars as I can recollect of its contents and from the discourse I had with those Gentlemen.

They first acquainted your Hono^r^. &c^a^. the orders they had rēcd from their former Masters upon their Union with the Old Company to keep their Acco^ts^. from a day under the title of the United trade.

That they had procured from the King of Cochin China through their personal mediation a full and solid grant for their Settlement.

That they had upon their first arrivall, before necessary conveniences could be fitted, buried the Greatest part of their Soldiers & Slaves, severall of the latter haveing also fled in boats from the Island so that their present Complim^t^. is so reduced as almost wholly to stop their farther progress in the erecting their Fort or Clearing any more Ground.

They therefore humbly requested your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that you would if possible procure one hundred lusty Slaves most men but all capable of Digging and other hard Labour, That they are in great want of Masons, Brickmakers, Carpenters, Smiths, and indeed [*sic*] all artificers if to be had at reasonable rates to whom they will im̃ediately allot ground for their house and support and give all other Incouragement, They requested to have small quantityes of peice goods proper for their Clothing which they would take of with a reasonable profitt to the Company, as to Garrison stores I cannot remember any except Shot Seeker and Minion, and some [. . . .] Powder unless artificers tooles may be reckoned of which they are in extream want and is all at present can be collected by

Fort S^{t}. George. Your Hono^{rs}. most humble Servant,

March y^{e}. 28th. 1704. John Dolben.

No. 17.

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esqr
President and Governour of Fort S^{t}. George & Coast of Chormandell &c^{a}.

And Councill for the United Trade to the East Indies in Fort S^{t}. George.

Your Hono^{rs}. &c^{a}. of the 18th. Ult^{o}. came to hand the 12th. Instant with the Inclosed Packetts &c^{a}. Papers as ℘ List those for S^{r}. Edwd. Littleton & Councill were delivered as directed and wee rec̃d the Managers Letters wch. came ℘ Ship Tavestock (which wee are glad to hear is safe with you) wee shall be provideing what Salt Petre &c^{a}. necessaries in order for her quick dispatch hence, also to supply your place with Stores. Recd 4th Aprill 1704 ℘ Ship Dolphin.

Wee thank you for the Copy of the Old Comp^{as}. Letter being acco^{t}. Sale of Goods in England, which may be an insight towards our Investment.

Ship Dutches arrived in Ballasore road the 20th. Ult^{o}. and with us Yesterday, her Packett come to our hands y^{e}. 29th. Ult^{o}. by which wee are acquainted how the present Settlement in Bengall is Conformable thereto, wee have taken possession of all the Dead Stock of Old and New Comp^{as}. and haveing left Hugly are now to gather at Fort William from whence all things must be transacted, She brought us out 26 Chests Silver, Broad Cloth 91 Bales, and some Lead totall amounting to £ 30656. 11^{s}. 4^{d}.

By the Death of Messrs. Halsey and White the Councill for the Mannagers is filled up with Messrs. Redshaw and Pattle according to their directions to be an equall number of each Companyes Councill, they two being elected of Councill for the Old Companyes Affairs, and the Seconds of both Companyes each in their week take the Chair alternatively.

Wee have not any account how the Mañag^{rs}. have Settled their servants on the Coast wherefore wee desire you'le favour us with it, Wee are,

Your very Humble Servants,

Fort William
Feb^{ry}. y^{e}. 13th. 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

Ralph Sheldon.
Robert Hedges.
Jona^{n}. Winder.
John Russell.
Benjn. Bowcher.
Edwd. Pattle.

M^{r}. Robt. Nightingall at Dacca. }
M^{r}. Geo. Redshaw at Patna. }

No. 18

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esq~R~.
President and Governour of Fort S^t^. George,
And Council for Affairs of the United Comp^a^. Tradeing
to the East Indies.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Rec^d^ 7th April 1704 ℔ Ship Sedgwick.

The foregoing is Copy of what wee wrote you by the Cofmerce to which wee refer.

Wee have Laden the Huglianna Ketch wth. Salt Petre and Rice the Dutches is almost Laden and falling down the River, wth. the same Comodities, And shall very quickly dispatch both to you for Acco^t^. the United Trade.

Wee have appointed Sloops to attend in Ballasore Road for the Tavestocks arrivall, but as yet do not hear of her being there.

This goes on the Sedgwick Cap^tn^. Rawlings who is ready to saile.

Wee shall write to your Hono^r^. &c^a^. again by the Dutches so add no more at this time from

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Your most humble Servants

Fort William
March y^e^. 2^d^. 170$\frac{3}{4}$

Robert Hedges.
Ralph Sheldon.
Jona^n^. Winder.
John Russell.
Benjn. Bowcher.
Edw~d~. Pattle.

No. 19.

Vizagapatam Febr^y^. 16th. 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esq~r~. President
for Affairs of the United Company of
Merchants of London tradeing
to the East Indies &c^a^. Council.

Hono^ble^. &c^a^.

Rec^d^ 16th, April 1704 ℔ Pattamars

Our Generall Books Letter A ending last April accompany this, but by reason of the Chief and Chief Braminys being indisposed the Acco^t^. of the Dead Stock is not now remitted but shall follow by next Conveyance,

Wee desire your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will please to Supply us with money to defray Charges Garrison &c^a^. expences, and is what at present offers from

Hono^ble^. &c^a^.

Your most Humble Servants

Simon Holcomb.
Thomas Stables.
Robt. Cranwell.

No. 20.

VIZAGAPATAM, Y^E. 6 MARCH 170¾.

TO THE HONO^BLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR. PRESIDENT
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF
MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADING
TO THE EAST INDIES &C^A. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE. &CA.

Our last was of the 16th. Ult^o. accompanying our Generall Books Letter A this comes now to remitt and forward the Account Dead Stock with its intrinsick valuation, according to the best of our Judgements, the Chief thrô. Gods mercy being now again in a state of health. Recd. 16th. Aprill 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

Wee in our last advised our want of money to defray Charges Garrison &c^a. & wee must now renew our request that you'l send us a Supply as soon as poss^ible being put to Streight for necessary disburstments, and Rustundell Cawn is now Come within two Leagues of us & daily sends for the Cheif to come to him with his Sallabad Present but wee evade it by all means possible till [. . .] something Suitable for him from your Hono^r. &c^a. which wee hope wee shall do speedily haveing nothing in our Godowns proper for that occasion which wee refer to your Hono^E. &c^a. and remain.

HONO^BLE. &C^A.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMB.
THOMAS STABLES.
ROB^T. CRANWELL.

No. 21.

VIZAGAPATAM Y^E. 31 MARCH 1704.

TO THE HONO^BLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR. PRESIDENT
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^TS. OF
LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONO^BLE. &C^A.

Just as was on dispatch of the proceeding came our Vakeel acquainting us the Nabob was set out, and had sent Mea Thomas Soyb the next ℘son to himself to Conduct the Chief to him whereupon wee thought fitt to deferr those advices for a day or two, that wee might not only just alarum your Hono^r. &c^a. with his arrivall but that wee might therewith give your Hono^r. &c^a. an Acco^t. of our reception and treatment with him and of his departure accordingly we have been drilled on from day to day till this time, he being every now and then a going but not yett gone therefore his departure being uncertain wee thought not fitt to deferr it any Longer least your Hono^r. &c^a. should hear of his being come before our Town and surprized at the not haveing any advices from us, This also is sent with the greatest Expedition to your Hono^r. &c^a. to request you to send us ℘ first opportunity after it arrives with you some money for our expences, being now two months in arrears to our Soldiers, Peons, and Servants, and Indebted to Rustundell Cawn about Rup^s. 3500 on acco^t. of the Presents to himself, and Officers, which wee have engaged to pay him in Twenty five days, and which accordingly wee hope your Hono^r. &c^a. will Supply us with otherwise wee shall be involved in a great deal of trouble, 'Tis now [. . .] days that Rustundell has been in our Garden where the Duan, Coja Waccances, Surdars &c^a. have all joyned him so that there is now a Camp of above 40,000 men which wee doubt not but your Hono^r. &c^a. will beleive Recd. y^e. 16 Aprill ℘ Pattamar.

must be troublesome enough to so little a Village however wee bless God wee have kept all things in Good order and come to no Eruption wth. any one, Rustundell Cawn is much our friend and has done the Chief a great deal of Honor. & treated him with much civillity and has given us a Cowle for our Trade, and Affairs which wee never had before and has promised us therein to recover what debts may be standing out, and indeed in all respects appears to be much our Friend, our Charges have been greater then formerly amot to about 4000Rs. occasioned by our haveing no Goods his long stay here so that it Cost us daily something, and his comeing to Visit us, but wee asure your Honor. &ca. wee have endeavoured the best in all things, and Considering all Circumstances, wee hope our Actions, will meet your approbation, the particulars of all things you shall have ℘ our next as soon as he is gone, and when wee shall give due reply to your Honor. &ca. of the 29th. Febry. for which wee desire now to be excused the Chief haveing Continual trouble with Visitants from the Camp the Nabobs Officers, and the like so that he is not a minute in a day free from one fatigue or other with them, We must reiterate our request to your Honor. &ca. to send us the money as desired, and wishing your Honor. &ca. all health and happiness Subscribe.

HONOBLE. &CA.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMB.

THOMAS STABLES.

ROBERT CRANWELL.

No. 22.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQE. PRESIDENT
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE Rт. HONOBLE. UNITED COMPa
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES &CA. COUNCILL.

SRS.

Recd 16th. Aprill 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

My last was the 15TH. Ulto. This being to Inclose one from Bengall sent mee from Mr. Holcomb &ca. Council at Vizagapatam [. . .] mee orders to Demand their Books of Dennis Gomes Master of the Hope ℘ which Vessell, They Designed 'em for Madrass, but the weather not permitting her to goe thither she put into the Road, of Metchlepatam, The Books you'l Receive by these Peons.

The Companyes Affairs has drawn mee hither at present, but design to return to Metchlepatam in two or three days, The day after my arrivall I went to View the Old ffactory, which I find does want repairing in Severall places the wall more then any part it heeling very much Haveg. no news to impart I must Conclude with my Service to your Honor. being

SRS.

Your most humble Servant,

WILLM. TILLARD.

Rustundell has given the Town of Narsapore and its dependance to Rangoraz.

MADAFOLLAM YE. 4TH. April 1704.

No. 23.

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr. President
and Governour of Fort S^t. George And Councill
for Affairs of the United English Comp^a. Tradeing
to the East Indies

Hono^ble. S^r.

The foregoing are Copys of our two last Letters to your Hono^r. &c^a. the first by the Commerce the Second by the Sedgwick. Recd 23^d. Aprill 1704 ℘ Huglyanna Ketch.

This is ℘ the Huglyanna Ketch a strong well built Vessell which wee recommend to your Use for any Service you think fitt to Employ her on, wee haveing more Vessells besides her then is necessary for our Masters affairs at this Place.

The William Bowyer and the Sloop Riseing Sun are also Supernumerary with us both are Strong Vessells and Tollerable Sailors if you can employ them in the Hono^ble. Companyes Service Please to advise and they also shall be sent to you.

We have loaden on board the Huglyanna Ketch Salt Petre and Rice to the Amo^t. of Rupees 6903 . 13 . 6 to which adding Rupees 13419 . 3 . 9 the Cost of the Ketch as she stands in our Acco^ts. to the 3^d. X^br. the whole amount of the [Invoice] is Rup^s. 20323-1-3 for which wee make your [. . .]

The originall Cost of the Huglyanna Ketch togather with the Charge of Repairs &c^a. since she was bought amounts to the Sume wee Charge & wee Lett her stand at the whole amount of all, because the United Trade has had little or no Service from her and 'tis not yet determined what acco^t. the Past Charges Since the 22^d. July 1702 of maintaining the small Craft which are part of the New & Old Companys Dead Stock must be writt of too.

The Account of what expended on her att Ballasore also the Acco^t. for January from Hugly not being yett received in, wee can't yett tell what more must be charged to the Ketches Acco^t. but whatever it be will be carryed to Profit and coss.

The Dutches is nigh Laden and will be dispatcht towards you within four or five days God send both a safe arrivall with you,

Wee have yett no news of the Tavestock thô a Sloop is arrived, which came out of Ballasore Road the Second of this month.

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Ladeing Hopkins the Master of the Ketch weighed the Petre and Rice So is accountable if any come Short Wee are

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Fort William
Calcutta 4th. March 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

Your very humble Servants,
Robert Hedges.
Ralph Sheldon.
Jona^n. Winder.
John Russell.
Robt. Nightingall. Benjn. Bowcher.
Edwd. Pattle.

P.S.

A List of the Vessells Stores also an Acco^t. of the money Inprest p^d. the Crew aboard her is Inclosed March y^e. 6th. 170$\frac{3}{4}$

Yesterday M^r. Robt. Nightingall arrived from Dacca.

Our Paper is bad and wee have no better pray excuse it.

No. 24.

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr. President for Affaires of the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United English East India Comp^a^. on the Coast of Chormandell and Governour of Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^. Councill.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

On the 18th. Instant wee rec̃d yours dated y^e^. 13th.

Recd. 30th. Aprill 1704 ℗ Pattamars. The Musters wee have agreed on for the United Investment shall be sent by the first conveyance and might have been long since had your Hono^r^. &c^a^. been pleased to give any directions therein, The reason wee detained them was in hopes before this to have Concluded their Price with our Merchants, and then to have sent them to your Hono^r^. &c^a^. with Copy of the Contract for your Approveall, Wee shall most gladly exert our utmost endeavours to bring the Merchants to the lowest Termes possible and wish wee may be able to compleat it answerable to your Hono^r^. &c^as^. expectations, It's true the sorts of Cloth directed by the Managers is Cheap, but there must also regard be had to its Goodness as well as its price, Which if such as wee provided for our Old Masters last year, and presume must do for our new this, is not so easily procured, especially since they are pleased to direct, that no money must be Issued out before hand to the Merchants, and the sorts such as they get little by, However both which wee shall be sure to follow.

Lately wee have mett with no trouble from the Juncaneers of Boomipollam, But Surupsing has Sent Croome Cawne Phousdar of these Parts, who gives our Inhabitants a great deal of trouble as they pass in and out extorting mony from all he can He lyes now at Trevindecporam wth. Intentions as 'tis said to break down the Bank of the River and turne the Course of the water from comeing into the R^t^. Honble. Comp^as^. Bounds, Which would be so vast a prejudice to the Company and discourage the Renters from Renting the Bounds next year, Is the reason wee have sent a Strong Guard to Trepop [olore] [for the security] of that place and to oppose his designs with orders to avoid Shedding of Blood or committing any Act of Hostility what so ever except compelled thereto wch. wee hope will deterr him from that Villainous designe [as] yet all things are quiet.

As soon as wee have any money wee shall pay the Gentlemen here their whole Salary from the 22^d^. July 1703 according to your Hono^r^. &c^as^. order, and here is none here but what have actually been employed in the United Comp^as^. Service from that time Wee request your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will direct whether M^r^. Farmer must have his Sallary as the rest of the Gentlemen.

Our Generall Books are brought up to May last, and shall be Sure to be sent as soon as your Hono^r^. &c^a^. is pleased to send us any paper to Copy 'em upon, and those to May next wee doubt not but to have in a readiness to goe home by the September Shipping.

Your Hono^r^. &c^as^. Letter to us of the 19th. Feb^ry^. appointed the Gentlemen of Councill here their Severall Employs, and by your approbation it was that M^r^. Mountague in the absence of M^r^. Empson took upon him the Charge of the Books, and being appointed the thirds Employ, Assures us he is unable to perform both, and therefore request your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will be pleased to direct which of the said Employs, he must take Charge of, that each Gentleman may take Charge of his Employ according to your Hono^r^. &c^as^. directions.

The Portuguez that murthered his fellow Soldier, and the rest in his Company are close prisoners under the care of the Marshall, and shall so remain till your further orders.

The Customers have had a Charge given them to provide what male Slaves they can to be sent upon the Stretham to Pollicondore, but wee are fearfull there is none to be bought here.

Since Dowed Cawne is at Arcott & intends for Tanjore, and may probably come near this place in his march thither Wee request your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will give us direction whether wee are permitted to send any body to meet him with the usuall Complements and present and to what amount it must be.

Inclosed wee rec̃d Coppy of the Theatim Padres petition, requesting [. . .] leave to dispose of a house and Garden [. . .] about which wee have made enquiry, and believe the house to be built at their own Charge, but don't find any memorandum made that they had the then Deputy Governour & Councills leave for the Ground neither is it yett Registered if you are pleased to order they may be permitted to sell it wee shall be sure to observe the same.

Inclosed wee send your Hono^r^. &c^a^. a List of Medicines wanting, which wee request you will please to supply us with, Wee also request your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will please to send us some Packing Stuff by the Stretham (or if she be departed) by the first Conveyance, for wee have none left, Which being the needfull with due respects crave leave to Subscribe.

FORT S^T^. DAVID — HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

APRILL THE 27TH. 1704

Your most humble Servants,

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
EDM^D^. MOUNTAGUE.
VICESIMUS GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

N°. 25

TO THE HONO^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A^.
COUNCIL AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

YORK FORT FEB^RY^. Y^E^ 7TH 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

HON^BLE^ S^R^. &C^A^.

1. Wee have your Hono^r^. &c^as^. of the 23^d^. & 30th. September also another of 30th. October last past wherein find our Severalls formerly sent came safe to hand. RECD 30TH APRILL 1704 ℘ SHIP QUEEN.

2. The Hono^ble^. the Court of Managers have by Ship Queen forbid our futurely sending Pepper to the Coast or Bay on any Acco^t^. whatsoever, which question not, but have advised your Hono^r^. &c^a^. of, and of all other materiall Affairs relateing to this Coast,

Wee are very large in our advises to the Court of Managers ℘ Ship Glocester, and since they have been pleased to take us under their immediate care and Government by make^g^. us independant whose orders solely wee are obliged now to follow therefore shall not trouble your Hono^r^. &c^a^. wth. the [. . . . .] affairs in these parts further then shall be thought necessary for adjustments between us and w^t^. elce shall Judge materiall.

4. Your Hono^r^. &c^a^. would have done well to have been better informed before you had tax'd us with so heavy a Charge as that at the Unions departure hence not one line was begun in the Generall Books, which is a most egregious falsity, and herein wee are as sincere and Punctuall as if upon our Oaths, and wee have no more to do for Confirmation of the truth hereof then to produce Severall months of the Journall transcribed Affter M^r^. Shaw by Joseph Hilton who dyed Sep^br^. Anno 1700 which was long before the Unions arrivall here, and but for M^r^. Shaws indisposition and want of Assistance, had been brought up long ere this.

5. The Court of Managers have ordered us to apply our Selves to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. for Supply of our wants of what properly procureable on the Coast, & to Bengall for what may have occasion for from those parts.

6. Since wee find our Credit so small wth. your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that the Affirmations of John Davis shall be of greater Validity with you then ours have little to add, but this wee do affirm (that is the present Survivers the Governour & M^{r}. Shaw) that the Governour did publiquely declare both to Cap^{tn}. Kent and M^{r}. Boddam then Bound for the Coast & Bay that they had our free Consent to carry him, since should be glad to be rid off so troublesome, & factious a fellow & never Did forbid any person dyetting of him, after, indeed he had Scandalized the Companys Table wee forbid him the use of it, which wee could not but think to be very reasonable this wee are ready to deposite on Oath, & if Comon fame is or ought always to be credited as to our or others being guilty of oppression or Tyrany wee should not want matter for Recrimination.

7. Tis Strangely misterious to us what a poor end it must be to gratifie in sending Cap^{tn}. Vernon to the N^{o}.ward and that advantage could propose to our Selves by it, Wee do affirm that wee thought he would be there more Serviceable to our Masters, which induced us to send him thither.

8. The Informations you have had of Java Horses being procureable at Bantall is as true as many others you have relateing to these parts, Wee desire this Query may be put to the infor [. . . . .] by what way these Horses come thither

9. Tis wonderfull that if two or three monopolize the trade of this Place who these persons must be, since wee do affirm and are altogather Ignorant of any such practice if the Governour and M^{r}. Shaw are pointed at they are ready to give repeated Instances of this readiness to incourage an Honest industry on all occasions wherever they have found it.

10. Notwithstanding our drawing so largely on your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. have been reduced to frequent Streights, which but for our borrowing money would have been attended with the worst of Consequences as particularly now at this Juncture, haveing been out of Cash for sometime; they being at Bantall likewise in the same predicament, so that if wee should futurely be retrenched drawing of Bills and not be better supplyed from England then hitherto the least of the ill Consequences would be the ruin of the Pepper Plantations, and perhaps the Loss of the Place wch. by the esteem the Comp^{a}. seem to have of it would be very unwellcome news to them & as have orders to apply our selves to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. so could not think of any other expedient for supplying their Hono^{rs}. necessityes here, & thô we allow 15 ℔ Cent Interest yett those who have money by them are unwilling to lend it on those termes, & wee are apt to beleive that were it procureable as our occasions may require which it is not that the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company had rather pay 8 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum interest in Fort S^{t}. George then 15 ℔ c^{t}. in Bencoolen.

11. How strange our not being able to put off Goods in Barter, for Pepper at this Place may appear to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. Wee know not, but this do Affirm that have not yet been able to put of one peice on that acco^{t}. for as by Contract here they are to receive all Mexico Dollars for their Pepper, so should wee go to put any Goods on them, Wee are too sensible of the ill Consequences that would attend it, since on our haveing been without any Dollars, rather then receive Goods for their Pepper they have brought in they choose to stay till our being supplyed, & thô once Some took Pillar Dollars yet at the same time desired notes for their being exchanged on arrivall of a Ship, wch. were accordingly given them.

12. Wee have great reason to hope Carcop will fully answer our expectation.

13 Tis more then Probable that some of [. . .] be as lazy as the Mallays, since very few of them trouble themselves about raising provisions Wee know not how to incourage them more then wee do by giving a good price for them We beleive your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. to be very much mistaken in the notions you seem to have of this Country, where thô the soil be very rich yet is so thinly peopled that one may travell twenty miles togather without seeing either house or plantation, since they all live by the water side, so that from River to River not an appearance of Inhabitants to be

seen, & that River esteemed to be well peopled that affords Ten or a Dozen Villages of about 20 or 30 houses each, so miserably is this Country inhabited but have great hopes that now being Custome free will give great incouragement for peoples resort hither.

14. The Amo^{t}. of Davis's effects have brought into the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Cash, & been large in our advices to England so that we shall await their Hono^{rs}. orders herein.

15. Messrs. Kingsley and Scott were doubtless very Culpable, & both displaced, but afterwards on their Submission, & on Messrs. Bugden & Eytons request they were reinstated, Wee have since had no Complaints of the former, but the latter proving incorrigible, Wee have according to orders from the Court of Managers dismist him the Companyes Service & sent him on board the Glocester for England.

16. As we are nearer Bantall then yor. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. & have dayly Conversation with the Mallays, without being guilty of a most strange ignorance and supineness, it cannot be supposed but that wee should be as Competant Judges of the Abilities & qualifycations of persons these resident as others more distant, and with a true and impartiall reguard to the R^{t}. Honble. Companyes interest, Wee have reinstated M^{r}. Edmund Bugden in the Chiefship of Bantall, & therein hope the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{as}. approbation, & wee are very well assured from all hands, there was great reason for our makeing that regulation.

17. What M^{r}. Coasts behaviour was in Madrass. Wee are strangers to & by some reports in relation to our Selves as prementioned, Wee find fame to be as Jadish as ever, however Wee are very well satisfyed that in preferring M^{r}. Coast to his present station wee have done the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company and himself justice, w^{ch}. [has been] satisfactory.

18. Wee are in daily expectation of y^{e}. Anna on whose arrivall design the Queen for your Parts to be disposed off as your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. shall think Convenient.

19. The sad Disappointment Wee had in our last years Crop hath occasioned the Glocesters continueing with us so long and at last fear must send her away wth. Dead Tonnage.

20. The Queen brought us not one Soldier, so that entreat your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will be pleased to Supply us with what Topazzes may be procureable.

21. The Seconds being storekeeper here is no new thing, besides there was a necessity for it, the Confusion of other Storekeepers his Predecessors Acco^{ts}. being such as gave the Accomptant Ten Times the trouble of all the Rest, The Governour knows us your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. advise how places were Settled on his leaving Fort S^{t}. George, & likewise that a second hath been Sea Customer there which was M^{r}. Higgison in Governour Yales time, and if he is not mistaken M^{r}. Thomas Grey when third had said Employ.

22. We have of late found very few bad fanams haveing fined those who offer any such in payment to the Amo^{t}. of what so tendered, which hath answered our expectation.

23. Wee have not nor can wee procure any Buggesses to send you haveing hardly sufficient for our own occasions, thô have recomended our officers to send to their acquaintance at Java and other places to Invite them over to us.

24. Not any Duties at present being paid here prevents our takeing any notice of what Goods the adventure Briggantine brought from S^{t}. Thoma.

25. The Salt Petre ꝑ Expedition came out Short being very much wett & damaged the Master touched at Acheen where severall of his Lascars left him, wch. proves a great disappointment, he says it was for want of water.

26. Our Anuall Expences of Gunpowder may be about Candys 10 ꝑ Annum, as our occasions may require shall write for a supply.

27. The Court of Managers advise us that they have wrote to the Coast and Bay for our being supplyed with Redwood and Salt Petre for Kentilageing our Ships.

28. The Expedition was bought before the Governrs. Arrivall and her prime Cost £ 400 . . . being then a Prow but building on her, & her frequent fitting Occasions her comeing out so dear any thing of that kind when done here, being [. . .]

29. Wee now send two pair of our Generall Books commencing pmo. May 1698 & ending Ulto. Aprill 1700 & hope ₱ next conveyance to send the Rest, in order to the true adjustment of our Accounts.

30. To Mr. Petre Wallis have delivered a ring belonging to Raja Mooda, which he gave the Governour to send to Fort St. George to be new sett & the stone in the middle being lost desires your Honor. &ca. would be pleased to let another be put in its place that lost was a Saphire but a Ruby or Emrald will do as well.

31. The Master of the Expedition touching at Acheen advises there to have found lying Ships Tavistock & Dutchess the former bound for the Coast the latter for the Bay, also that thrô sickness, both Ships Companyes were very weak Wee doubt not but long since are arrived.

32. The following persons having paid into the Rt. Honoble. Companyes Cash the undermentioned Sums, Wee have presumed to give them Bills of Exchange on your Honor. &ca. which humbly crave acceptance Vizt.

Of Richd. Watts Esqr. & Mr. George Shaw payble. to Thomas Pitt Esqr. & Captn. Richd. Phrip		2334 2 1	
Of Do. payble. to Messrs. John Meverell and Richard Hunt		10500 — —	₱ 12834 2 1
Of Mr. Robert Coast payble. to Mr. Richd. Hunt			467 2 —
Of Mr. Charles Brumpsted payble. to Thomas Pitt Esqr. &ca. owners of Ketch St. George.		4000 — —	
Of Do. payble. to Thomas Marshall Esqr. ...		1900 — —	5900
Of Mr. John Del 'Apie payble. Mrs. Ann Foquett & Mr. William Deane		600 — —	
Of Do. payable to Mrs. Ann Foquett ...		173 — —	773 — —
Of Mr. Joseph Marshall payble. to Mr. Danll. Chardin			425 — —
Of Captn. John Collier payble. to Gulston Addison		327 — —	
Of Do payble. to Thomas Pitt Esqr.		3915 1 —	
Of Do. payble to Captn. George Heron ...		1706 3 1	
Of Do. payble. to Mr. Thomas Wright ...		416 3 —	6365 3 1
Of Edmd. Bugden & Captn. William Weld payble to Petre Wallis		225 — —	
Of Mr. Peter Wallis payble. to himself	11061 2 1		
Of Do. payble. to Do.	3841 — —	14902 2 1	15127 2 1
Of Mr. John Davenport & Sergr. John Domingo payble. to Mr. John Nicks & Seig Francisco Mendes			11307 1 —
Of Doctor Alexander Read payble. to Samll. Butcher			136 — —
Of Edmund Harris payble. to Robt. Atkinson.			687 3 —
Of Thomas Standley payble. to himself			100 — —
Of Mr. Edmd. Bugden payble. to Mr. Cha. Bugden			1234 1 —
			£ 55358 3 1
Of Richard Watts Esqr. payble. to Messrs. John Meverell and Richard Hunt ...			500 — —
Of Mr. George Shaw payable to Do. ...			500 — —
Of Mr. Charles Wheeler payble. to Do. ...			423 3 —
			£ 56782 2 1

33. Ship Glocester sailed hence for England ye. 14th. February & the unreasonableness of the weather, which prevented our getting pepper from the Northern Pagars, occasioned her going way with about 60 Tons Dead freight.

34. The Court of Managers advised their haveing ordered the Mary & Seaford for Banjarr, where if Pepper be not procureable Sufficient for both their Loadings one of them to be sent hither but neither of them yet appearing conclude there is no want & they haveing ordered us in case Wee could not load both the Anna & Queen to send one of them to Banjarr which not haveing a prospect of shall send the Anna thither and the Queen haveing already lain here a considerable time & her men beginning to be very sickly, Have therefore thought it more eligible to dispatch her to your Honor. &ca. whence she may return to us with her Kentilage of Salt Petre and Redwood, or be otherwise disposed of as your Honor. &ca. shall think Convenient, provided wee have a Ship from England this year to load home wch. no doubt but your Honor. &ca. will have timely advice of, otherways shall want Tonnage to send home our pepper, wch. hope may amot. to upwards of 300 Tons, as also that in three or four Years time when the Plantations lately planted begin to bear to have more then treble the quantity.

35. The frequent rains here, Our Fort not being paved makes it very moist, desire therefore your Honr. &ca. wod. please to send us some hewn Iron stone for it's pavement as opportunity may offer, which hope may render the place much more healthfull.

36. A Topass Soldier Thome de Rosairo having Served the Rt. Honoble. Company Seven years on this Coast he now takes his passage on ye. Queen for Fort St. George.

37. Inclosed is List of severalls wanted here with which cannot properly be supplyed from England which request your Honor. &ca. would be pleased to send us.

38. We did not want any Salt provisions so that what you sent by the Expedition must have either returned or lain and spoiled, since the Compas. Servts. would not eat it, nor would any of the Garrison buy any of it, but the Europe Ships took of the Pork but the fish being bad they wod. not medle wth. it.

39. Notwithstanding our haveing drawn so largely on your Honor. &ca. after Captn. Nellys dispatch with treasure for purchase of his Pepper at Banjarr and Supplying them to the Northward wee shall not have much above $ 20000 in Cash so that should not a Ship in few months arrive from England wth. recruits shall be hard put to it for purchasing Pepper and defraying Expences.

40. Lascars are extreamly wanted and heartily with your Honor. &ca. could prevail with 16 or 20 of them to reside here & be Employed at sea or shoar as the Rt. Honoble. Compas. occasions may require.

41. If as wee are advised any Topazzes at Fort St. David are willing to come over to these parts, Wee hope your Honor. &ca. would be pleased to encourage them, whether as freemen or Soldiers since the former may be very serviceable & if but industrious may get a very good livelyhood.

42. The Anna wee have ordered in Case ye. Comandr. should meet with a Certain assurance at Batavia, of their not haveing Pepper for him at Banjarr in such cases to return hither with Plank Timber & Stores procureable in any reasonable time. Our list by him Containeth not any of those sorts now requested from your Honor. &ca. Wee have not elce to add but that Wee are

May it please your Honor. &ca.

Your very humble Servants

MARCH 20TH. 170¾.

RICHARD WATTS.

GEORGE SHAW.

CHARLES WHEELER.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℗ SHIP QUEEN VIZ^{T}.

N°. 1. Generall Letter to the Hono^{ble}. the Presid^{t}. and Councill of Fort S^{r}. George dated 20th. March 170$\frac{3}{4}$.
2. Copy of Ship Queens Charterparty.
3. M^{r}. Peter Wallis his receipt for a Ring.
4. [List of] of stores wanting.
5. [Do.] of the Packet.
6. [. . .] of Books comenceing P^{mo}. May 1698 & ending Ult^{o}. Aprill [1700].
7. D^{o}. Comenceing P^{mo}. May 1699 & ending Ult^{o}. Aprill 1700.

No. 26.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
[PRESID^{T}. FOR] AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}. [ENGLISH] EAST COMPANY IN THEIR UNITED TRADE, & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL ATT MADRASS.

RECD^{D}. 2^{D}. MAY 1704 ℗ SHIP HAPPINESS.

Our last to you which had lain some time by us for want of a Conveyance wee forwarded in a large Packet by S^{r}. Nicholas Waits Cosseds via Metchlepatam abo^{t}. y^{e}. 28th. of last month. under Cover to M^{r}. Stephen ffrewen &c^{a}. Councill of that ffactory desireing said Cheif to send you therewith a Copy of w^{t}. Jno. Gayer could write him at that time, since which on the 11th. Instant wee recd yours of the 23^{d}. Decem^{br}. and now hearing of an Armenian Cossed ready to depart that is designed for your City wee shall give you a breif acco^{t}. of what hath lately occurred here designing fully to reply to all yours that wee have unanswered by y^{e}. [Charles] and Pembrook the former being at this rivers mouth the latter is gone to Bbay to repair.

The Portuguez in their fight wth. the Arrabs mentioned in our last took none of their Ships tho there was but four of the latter y^{t}. put to sea two of which run ashore about leagues to the Southward of this rivers mouth after they had Skirmished abo^{t}. two hours w^{ch}.[gave the Portuguese] the opportunity to pursue the two [*one line lost*] till night when the arrabs running into very shoal water the Portuguez Anchored & in the night the former made their escape [thô] where they are gone or what is become of them wee cannot Certainly learne but the Portuguez report that they are sunk and the Arrabs that they have advice by way of Sindy that they are arrived Muscat the two that run ashore gott into this river two days after the fight & afterwards the Portuguez came again to this river [mouth] & since have had more Ships of great force Joined them [so that] sometimes they have had nine besides three or four of Daman [. . .] the [. . .] who are now [. . .] in this river by the addition of one they have boought of the Moors of [Seven] hundred Tons lye within the Barr who threatned to go out the two last Springs but lye fast at Anchor thô in [. . .] Portuguez now goneall to Damask pretending [. . .] to come out but what they will do, wee presume [. . . .].

About thirty five days [. . .] [Hushbul]hukum under Annatulat Cawnes Seal arrived the Governour [. . .] to his Letter & the Europeans demands impowering [. . .] latters extorted securety papers & to cause the [. . .] for what could be proved according to the Moors law had [. . .] them to satisfie said Merch^{ts}. on account of their losses by the Pirats on which the Dutch continued to stop the Port many Conferences were held between them and the Governour & at last it was agreed the Govern^{r}. should give the Dutch a Copy of the Kings Hosbolhookum under the Cozzees Seal with a paper under his own Seal declareing that he had made void their Security Paper according to the Kings order and that he would in two months procure them a Phirmaund or Husbulhookum under Assed Cawns Seal to Confirm the same that he should also give them a Copy of their Security Paper under the Cozzees Seal for that the Originall could not be

found in the Registry of this Citty whereon he would also write that the originall thereof was made void by him according to the Kings order & for that he could not affix his Seal to what he wrote where the Cozzees Seal was he would give the same writeing apart under his Seal and on the other hand the Dutch Directors gave the Governour a writeing under his Seal to send Convoys to Mocho this year with a promise to write the Generall of Battavia to request him to do the like for the future & to deliver Abdull Ghuphores effects that their Ships had seized into the hands of a third person till their business with him and other merchants [is adjusted] not careing to have [. . .] haveing thus agreed, the Govern^r^. immediately sent to [. . .] some debate wee were Obliged to Conclude on the same [. . .] wee had neither force nor orders (while the Dutch had both) to Compell him to better, [. . .] the Governour will Conclude at last with them and is wth. respect to restitution is very uncertain but wee presume the Dutch [. . .] they shall have Satisfaction in their own hands seeing their Ship will be Convoys to [. . .] of the Merchants goeth to Mocho. Wee have recd all the like Papers from the Governour [. . .] & the Cozzees Seal that the Dutch have, and John Gayer hath given him under his Seale a paper of the same Contents that [. . .] Director hath with this [. . .] write the Right Honble. Company Requesting them to order two Convoys for the Mocho ffleet Yearly but thô wee are Obliged to send two this year as well as the Dutch, wee beleive the Govern[our] will not require us so to do for that the season of the year being so farr advanced there cannot above three or four of the Mercht[ ] Ships at most go to Mocho whose owners will not care to be at [. . . .] Charge of the two Dutch Convoys, and this falls out well for [. . .] for that wee have none of our Masters Ships by us if [necessity] had required it wee must have hired two Ships and [fealing] should take an advantage of us for want thereof wee have already hired Captn. Ways Ship for a year.

By the Charleton or Pembrook wee will [send) you translates or [Copies] of such Papers as wee recd from the Governour and of [. . .] have given him.

Wee did at last fill up the Howland with ffreight Goods for Persia She sailed hence for Gombroone [the] 16th. Instant her freight amounts to 25 Thousand Rupees [. . . .] would have been [. . . .] if she had not had the Course Goods [. . .]. The Aurun zeeb sailed from Carwarr a full Ship for England the 19th. Jan^ry^. wee shall speedily expect the Regard from the Mallabarr Coast when wee hope to lade and send home a winter Ship.

The Susanna sailed hence for England [. . .] Instant her Cargoe is Extraordinary mean [. . .] for China and the Marry arrived here [. .] Condition haveing been on [. . .].

Wee don't yett hear of the arrivall of the Men of [Warnor] of any of our Masters Ships on this Coast nor of any [. . .] gall ships but hearing that the Pirat is gone of the Coast wee hope they will come safe to their Ports if they escape the ffrench on your side.

Wee have no fresher news from Persia then what sent you in our forementioned Packet via Metchlepatam.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Scurratt
y^e^. 21st. 170$\frac{3}{4}$

Your very Loveing ffreinds
and humble Servants

John Gayer.
Stephen Colt.
E. Bendall.
B. Wyche.

We have drawn first 2^d^. & 3^d^. Bills of Exchange on your Hono^r^. &c^a^. Councill for Rupees 488-4-0 payable unto the Reverend George Lewis & M^r^. Thomas Wigmore.

[*Some Pages are missing*]

Concerning your disappointment of [. . .] wee wrote you in a former Letter.

Wee observe that you have recd our Invoice of a Bale of Saloes by the Bombay Merchant.

Jadduroy the Vackeel that wee sent from hence to the Camp did charge our Acco^t. with him for two hundred Rupees paid your Vakeel to help bear his Charges, which wee cant prove otherwise than by said Acco^t. wee did beleive they had no more orders from you than from us to deliver in that Petition you mention to the King. Johanee Mamud was as great a rogue as either of the other two, wee did long since recover from him and Jadduroy about Twenty two Thousand Rupees, which wee formerly wrote you wee were in hopes to recover, of which they would have Cheated us, but it cost us something to effect it,

The Speaker was not lost on the Mallabar Coast, but on the Island Mauritius as wee formerly advised.

Wee take notice of what you [write concer]ning the Atcheen Merchant, and are sorry she made a looseing Voyage.

Severall Clauses of the Copy of your Letter [wee] are now answering haveing relation to what past long since, concerning which wee have wrote you heretofore, wee will not trouble you with a repetition,

The Bedford had a very rich Cargoe, she being dispatched as you write the 9th. of March wee hope she got about the [Cape] and that she is since arrived in safety in England, tis Certain that she did not winter at Mauritius.

The Phirmaund you mention that S^r. John Child sent for in Governour Yales time was put on board the [William] Bowyer by President Harris in order to its being [returned] which Vessell was lost in her Passage towards Bengall and wee cannot find any Copy thereof in this Registry.

Concerning Capt. Lambert and what elce you mention with respect to the Priviledges he claimed in the [. . . .] of your Letter wee are now answering, wee shall have occasion to take notice of in our reply to yours of later date

Wee now come to answer yours of the 5th. December 1702 To yours of the 9th. and 16th. 9ber 1703, wee replyed long since.

The Person you mention designed by the [ ] Buxee for Spauhawn hath not been with us, neither [have] wee recd your originall Letter sent by him, as is before [. . .] as you desire [. . .] such per [. . .]

Wee are glad to read that you have recd your Cloth that was seized by the Government and that your trade in the Country is free, and thank you for what you admire concerning Bengall.

Wee long since wrote you Concerning the damage done by the Savajee round about this place last year and of their departing without attempting, any thing against the Citty, an opportunity for our withdrawing from hence, will not only Consist with our likeing, but the R^t. Hono^ble. Companyes Interest also for that no further trade can be carried on here, till the Moors are made to pay back what they have robbed the Company and their Brokers of, to satisfie for all damages that have been sustained by restraint on trade and to vomitt up their extorted security paper.

The Copy of our former Letter inclosed doth sufficiently prove the trouble occasioned here by y^e. late Pyracy committed in the Parts which wee presume was done by the two Rogues that took the Pembrook, what further damage they will do on the Mallabar Coast where wee hear they are time will discover, the Ship of Cossumbhyes that they took is about six hundred Tons, sails and works well, wee hear they carried her to Rajapore, and there took down part of her upper works, and mounted sixty Guns on her, and that all the rogues reported to be three hundred are now on board her haveing sunk and burnt their other Ships, if this report be true she will be able to cope with any of either Companyes Ships.

The President and Councill at Bengall adviso us the same they did you with respect to the Kings orders not being executed for takeing of the restraint on Trade.

Wee wrote you long since concerning the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Companyes loss at Bombay.

Our new Vakeel at Court is dead, he did us good service while he lived in recovering from Jadduroy and Johnnee Mam̃ud, what they wo^d^. have Cheated us of, as before mentioned, wee don't design to constitute any body in his roome.

We have heard [sufficiently] from Muscat concerning the miserable [condition] of Cap^tn^.-Morice and [. . .] lately rec̃d [*one line lost*] on us thô wee have done to the utmost of our Power for [their] release haveing wrote the Emaum and Wallee severall times w^t^. possible wee could to effect it, and our last Letters wee forwarded by the Com̃ander in Chief of their Ships that was here last year who promised to bring them with him this year, for which wee Designed him a good reward, but that person being again returned with seven Ships brought John Gayer a Letter from the Emaum, wherein he writes him that they are Danes, and that therefore he cannot release them, M^r^. Bruce at Gombroone according to our orders as he writes us hath used his utmost endeavours several wayes to procure their redemption, and before the rains he wrote us that he had agreed with a Trankeeman, that hath traded from thence to Muscat severall years to pay him two thousand Rupees on his bringing Capt^tn^. Morrice to him, who promised to effect it, and, by whom he sent him ten Chequeens, but by what Cap^tn^. Morrice, writes us wee dont perceive that design succeed[ed,] nor that he hath rec̃d any relief, nor do wee know how to Convey any thing to him, three [to mand] that wee long since ordered be sent him from Persia being returned to Agent Owen, by all which its apparent, that nothing but force can procure their redemption, of which wee have sufficiently advised our Masters and of all the Arrabs Piraticall Actions, and Murders committed on her Majestys Subjects, of which the Managers for both Companyes seen to be sensible, and promise to take the necessary care, thô wee don't hear yet of any Ships of Warr, or others fitted out to chastize them Villains, or to releive us,

You have been advised of the arrivall of our Masters Ships in England that wee have heard of, that wee can Credit, twas wrote from Metchlepatam about [. . .] months since to the New Companyes people here that the Bedford and Tavistock was arrived England some few dayes after the other eight Ships, but the Tavistock being at home the year before, wee know not what to make of that news, except the Author mistake her for the Hearne of whose arri[val] wee have not heard, and she did not winter at the Mauritius [*one line lost*].

Wee are glad that you opened y^e^. latters Pacquett from the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Company to us, seeing your and Bengall Pacquetts was inclosed therein.

Your Packet for the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Company will goe home by the Aurengzeeb, which ship wee hope will depart Bombay in a little time to Compleat her Loading with Pepper at Carwarr, wee have Continued on board some of her Copper and all her China ware for Kentlage, and all her Raw Silk, and have ordered to be laden on her what peice Goods, Cotton yarn, Cotton—wool and Pepper the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Comp^a^. have on the Island, and then to dispatch her to Carwarr, as beforementioned, from whence she is to proceed to Calicutt and Anjengo to land three Chests of Dollars if the Piratt be gone of the Coast and then for England, she will not want above one hundred and twenty five Tons of Ladeing when she goeth from Bombay, therefore, wee hope she will receive her last dispatch ere next month expireth, her Cargoe will amount to near three lack of Rupees.

Wee observe what you write concerning M^r^. John Pitts decease and the New Companyes debt at Metchlapatam.

Your trade going on as formerly, we hope you will have no occasion to expend money to procure y^e^. Benefitt of the Kings Husbulhookum, especially seeing wee don't yett hear that any Ships are yett come out to your Coast or any other parts for the United Trade.

Tis Certain that Capt^tn^. Lamberts unanswerable Actions have done a vast prejudice to the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Companyes Interest in these parts with respect to freighting of Ships two and from Persia as well as in your Parts each Ships Charterparty sheweth that y^e^. R^t^. Hono^ble^. Comp^a^. are invested with equall power in all respects when they freight them from Port to Port in India as if they were laden and Consigned to them they being obliged to carry their full tonnage, the great Cabbin is always at the Comp^as^. disposall for the most part wee allow it to some great Passenger that [. . .] Goods, the Comander [. . .] hundred oxe bales for every [. . .] Ship for Persia [. . .] free of Charge what goeth more pay [. . .] tho they have no particular accom[. . .] Ship but then they have their necessarys free [. . .] of wood and water for which the [. . .] is reasonable by the Company, all [. . .] Priviledges that the [. . .] such voyages that [. . .] of that they [. . .] to us their ladeing their three ℘ Ca[. . .] of the [. . .] house, Cuddy [. . .] and sometimes the room in their boats on the Deck when there is a great many Passengers at such sales as they can bargain with them and in the same manner Officers sometimes sett out their Cabbins it hath been as yet the custom here to lay the greatest obligation possible on the cõmanders to carry it civilly to their Passengers, and when they observe such orders the Companyes interest is promoted.

S^r^. Nicholas Waite with the expence of some money as wee are informed did prevail with the late Governour to Excuse his accepting of a Phirmaund att the arrivall of his masters expected Ships, and now the Port being shutt by the Dutch which causeth the court and our new Governour to [. . .] their severityes to the Europeans, tis probable that business will not again be brought on the stage.

Wee wrote you that what M^r^. Dubois was[-]in trust with M^r^. Broom was to satisfie him for what he said said Dubois in England to make good his first payment to the Company, which is proved by the Copy of his receipt inclosed wee [are] very sorry to hear that he is still in the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Companyes Debt, and so little left to discharge it wee were in hopes that the Goods Consigned to you and him would have Discharged all.

The Inference you draw from the Dutch suffering so much from this Government, and that of Bengall wee beleive is right but seeing they have not hitherto attained their end that the oppression grows yearly they seem now to be resolved to bear it no longer.

[. . .] for Acc^ts^. of M^r^. [. . .] you provide with respect to the [. . .] wee draw any more wee will mention [. . .] Bills shall be said in or after what rate in [Pagodas].

The news of [. . .] that you rec̃d by the monsoon wee long since and were advised by the French about three months since of the arrivall of Colchester at Bengall.

M^r^. Bruce is extreamly to blame for not advising you and as of Capt^tn^. Lamberts effects in his hands, what he may do as to Capt^tn^. Rouses effects wee don't know haveing rec̃d no letters from Persia since his decease, if he should do by that as by the former, it may as you observe be very pernicious to his widdow and Children however seeing wee cannot foresee how Comand^rs^. or Officers of Ships may order their effects to be disposed of ere their decease wee don't conceive how with safety to our selves wee can give such a generall order as you desire, but wee have wrote M^r^. Bruce of the damages he is liable if he detains any Cõmanders of officers money in his hands contrary to their orders, which wee have also wrote him must be [supposed] that should make returns by the Ship they Cõmanded or belonged to for that its probable as you observe they may have taken up money at [bottomry] in England.

Wee thank you for what you advise Concerning the Hallifax the two ffrench Ships bound to China, and all other news contained in your Letter.

Wee are glad to hear you can be so well supplyed wth. wheat from Bengall, that grain is trebble its usuall price here.

The Letters packed up for you last year shall be sent you this with garden seeds, if we can have liberty to export them.

The two ffrench [ships] that chased the Regard were homeward bound for they steered [. . .] gave over their [.] the Mary is [. . .]

Honoble. Servts.

[. . . .] relation [. .] [. .] them villains did not proceed to [. . .] that said relation was the occasion of [. . .] Inhabitants and the Rt. Honble. Comp. [. . .] that about ye. [. .] Conclude this [. .]

Wee hope the Union will escape the [. .] she may keep clear of the two forementioned [. .] Ships gone to China.

The News wee rēcd from Bombay concerning [the arrivall] of those ffrench Ships at Goa proved false, as wee were advised by the next Pattamar.

Mr. Thomas Bowyer went Supra Cargoe on Ship of Mr. Bowchers last Aprill to Pegu when he returns wee will demand of him what you write is due on Accot. of freight on the Phœnix wee did not hear of any effects he brought hither from Persia.

We take notice of the Sum̃ you have rēcd [for] accot. of the female soldier and will order that you have credit in Bombay Books for what your Paymaster disburst for the others.

Capt. Hayes as it falls out hath only injured his owners by his long stay with you.

Captn. John Wyat did not when he was sent to England leave the value of one pice on Bombay neither was he ever owner of house or owned a garden on the Island Wee are sorry that Mr. Finch should suffer so much by such villain as he was, but 'tis not in our power to help him.

This Letter wee had begun about the latter end of December when other business occurring wee did not finish it, which hath occasioned our writeing you two short Letters since by Armenian Conveyances to advise you of [. . .] hath lately occurred here] Copyes of wch. are inclosed [and now wee have to reply to] three more of yours dated [the 27th. November 4th. ber and] 23d. December.

The Catherine arrived here about the 23d. [. . .] his Circar [. .] the time the Howland [. .] Forts [. . . .]

The Dep [ty Governour] and Councill of Bombay have not wrote us [any Letter . .] about the Goods laden out of the Charleton but Captn. [. .] there wee will enquire of him concerning that affair [wrote] said Depty. Governour and Councill what need [here].

Wee have repeated our orders to Mr. Lee &ca. ffactors at Gambroone to send you wine, fruit &ca. you want for the Rt. Honoble. Companyes accot. yearly, with respect to wine wee were worse served last year then you; for that they sent us none, and that wee have wrote for horses severall times answer hath been returned that no such as wee wrote for could be procured But Jno. Bruce is now with us, of whom wee shall enquire concerning his omissions.

Mr. Bruce tells us that he would have delivered all Captn. Rouses effects to Captn. Reid had not all the officers given it under their hands that it was not safe for him to do so, the Papers relateing thereto he promiseth to show us, to prove what he affirms and he seems to be inclined to pay into the Rt. Honoble. Companyes Cash here, what he hath of Captn. Rouses and Captn. Lamberts when wee have adjusted this business wee will write you further about it.

In Persia the wine doth happen to be much worse [some years] than others, which cannot be helped, Agent Owen made it last year (Doud being discharged the Rt. Honoble. Companyes service) but the same man that hath had the Mañagement of that affair many years is continued in his employ, and wee hear that it will be very good this year, but the bottles as you observe [. . . .] much less than

they were formerly, about which wee have [. . . .] wrote the Agent severall times and wee hope he will [. . .] care to remedy that evill wee [. . . . .] most part] a bottle or two [. . .] seldome want [. . .] & by [. . .] . . .

Your Sloop [. .]..........

[Wee] shall be glad to hear that [. . .] home without doing any mischief

Your Pacquet for the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Company wee forwarded by the Howland, and all your Pacquetts for Persia as before advised.

Wee are glad to hear that the Tavistock and Dutches arrived your Coast in safety, but concerned that our Old Masters should take no more notice of your and our ill circumstances with the Mores Government and that you have no large Supply of men by said Ships.

Wee congratulate your Confirmation by the Hono^ble^. Managers & observe how they have settled [. . .] on your side.

Wee never expected that large [Stores will] be sent out on the Union Ship seeing there is so great a quantity of goods unsold at home.

The man of Warr & Union Ships bound this Coast don't appear as we advised in our last, neither have wee any fresh news from Persia or any where elce.

The Pirate is gone of this Coast without doing any further mischief then plundering the Pembrooke [that] wee yett hear of Captn. Gostlin narrowly escaped her.

The New Companyes separate Ship [Martha] is laid in for a Voyage to Persia and Busserae.

By the Ship by which this comes which employed by the new Companyes People wee send you a Bale of Salloes and Garden seeds as ℔ Bill of Ladeing & Invoice inclosed.

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

SURRATT
MARCH Y^E^ 27TH 1704.

Your very Loving ffreinds,
and humble Servants,

The Bale of Salloes & Garden seeds abovementioned will go by the Charleton.

JOHN GABRIEL.
STEPH^N^. [COLT].
E. B[ENDALL].
B. WY[CHE].

[*one line lost*].

1 Surat Generall dated the 27th. March 1704.
2, 3, 4 Copyes of three Generalls dated [. . .] Jan^ry^. and 21st. March 170¾
5 M^r^. Du Bois receipts to M^r^. Broome.
6, 7 Two Letter from Captn. Moorie dated the 2^d^. Aprill & 10th. 8, 1703.
8 A Letter from Michæl Keating to Jacob Hilburn dated Aprill 9th. 1703.

9 List of the Packet.

No. 28.

To the Hono^ble^. the Generall Consulls Presidents, Agents, & ffactors, for Affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^. English East India Comp^as^. especially to those residing in Surratt greeting.

Rustock Aprill y^e^. 2^d^. 1703.

Gentlemen,

The severity of our rigid, and fatal circumstances is such that wee can never want occasion of renew^g^. our complaints unto you, opportunityes indeed & Conveyances for Letters may faile should wee fall under into the closer restraint of the infernal Makazannee, but whilst wee remain, thô loaded with irons, in our dark and dirty houses, Providence can direct us to write to you unperceived by our adversaries and you may be assured wee desire nothing more than a respectfull correspondence in order to our deliverance, thô wee labour under a mortifying suspence not haveing in so long time rec~d~ [any] line from you, nor heard any thing of your motions that may be likely to administer releif and Comfort to us. Recd. 2^d^ May 1704 [℔ Ship] Happyness.

Had S^r^. William Norris Confirmed your Embargo of the Emaums three Ships at Surat last season proceeded to a Seizure and then sent the Arrabian Captives to Gombroon, wee ha [. . . . .] and you had something [*one line lost*] whereas now you are publickly baffled in the face of the whole world, and experiment both the honour of Pirates, and Vanity of the empty promises, and engagements of that Subtle Infidell Abdull Sheek of which wee have formerly been carefull to advertize you.

Your fatal neglect of the Londons men is the source, and bitter spring of our excessive misseries, for they thô brought up hither were put on the Betelmauls Acco^t^. that is to say, at the Publick Charge of the Country, and an allowance much greater than ours appointed them for above a twelve month expecting when the Government of Bombay would send to demand them, but when no notice was taken, nor stoppage made at Surat, thô the Charles Scepter, and East India Merch^t^. were togather at Swally, then the poor remains were starved or imprissoned, and this Arch Pirate being since more bold, and fearless hath proceeded like a tiger against us, and wth. that vigor, as if wee had neither reasonable souls, or bare y^e^. Similitude of Men, he levells all, for if an European Nobleman Nay of the highest extraction should fall into his Clutches, he shall fare like the other Slaves, and be no better regarded then a Coffree.

Should any of you be exposed to the violent heat of the sun, and sand at Castle Green, thô but for one day in this month of Aprill bare headed, and without water, would it not be thought an Intollerable tyranny, how much more direfull are our Sufferings, that pass years in this much more intemperate Climate, ragged, and sometimes naked, in Irons and swarming wth. lice and other vermine, hungry, and in want, begging, and not obtaining, haveing our Consciences violated, wch. is the greatest & worst of oppressions.

Liberty and property are known to be the darling saints, even Idolized by the English nation, and where Conscience, and Religion are in like manner Invaded, is it not a wonder you should be so Indifferent.

Wee are sensible the Gentlemen of Surat have been confined, and affronted unjustly, by that arbitrary, & Insulting Government, and hope the remembrance of their sufferings will Dispose them towards a Compassionate regard of us, [. . .] portional, as between a Merchantile [*one line lost.*]

Some of our tedious hours have been employed in discourse about the valour and success of our Country against Mehometan Pyratts, Generall Blakes attempt against Goletta and Tunis dureing the resurpation of Cromwell, S^r^. Edward Spraggs undertakings on the Algerines under the Castle of Bugia, the flagg called by that name being worn in remembrance thereof, and S^r^. John Marbrough against Tripoly dureing the reign of King Charles the Second, but above all the success at Sea against our next neighbours the French in the reign of our Glorious Sovereign King William in our own days, and light Imprizes us still with the belief that our Nation can and will deliver us.

But then these Pirates are blown up with a Contrary opinion, and dispise the English name, as digenerated from a terrible and Warrlike Mars, to a rediculous and impotent Priapus, and dare Lord itt in this Gulf, and insult the Port of Ormuz and Gombroon in defiance of you who receive an acknowledgement from the Persian, for what you formerly did, and is still expected from you, Our unhappy fate drawing us into their power between the Capes of Jasques, and Mozendon, not thirty leagues distant from your factory.

Can you think forbearance will oblige them, did you ever a young frippon prove otherwise then an Old knave or did you ever know roguery stop in the full Carreer of prosperity? The Portuguez are an Example to the Contrary, for after the loss of Mombaz, defended near a twelve month by fifteen men, besides women against these valeroso's they made a descent on Bundera, and a destructive havock under your Noses in sight of Makim, Time, and opportunity makes the theif, and you know not how soon they may attempt, some of your unprovided, and helpless Factoryes, and Shipping if you take not timely care to prevent it.

It is highly necessary to repeat in all Letters what care sho^{d}. be taken to obviate and repell the Infernall fury of this Barbarian, he knows how odious Circumcision is to European Christians, makeing all that Suffer obnoxious both to Censure, and the [. . .] of the [. . .] and in force it against all resistance [. . .] so that those [*one line lost*] in his Account, & on the same Precedent you will find he will Act, till by force of Arms you shall compell him to the Contrary.

Wee recommend our selves, and all to you desireing to be excused if the smart of our sufferings and Greif have transported us into any extravagancy in these writeings. Wee are sincerely devoted to the Interest of our Country, and passionately desire once more the opportunity of personally approveing our selves.

Your most Obliged and faithfull
humble Servants

WILL^{M}. MORRICE.
P. POPE.
MICH^{LL}. KEELLING.

No. 29.

RUSTOCK OCTOBER
Y^{E} 10TH 1703.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THE GENERALL, CONSULLS, PRESIDENTS, AGENTS & FACTORS, FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANYES, AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE RESIDEING IN SURATT GREETING.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{RS}.

RECD 2D MAY 1704 ℔ SHIP HAPPYNESS.

The safe arrivall of this Letter amongst you can certifie that wee are still alive and that is all for so naked dryed, and hungerstarved are our poor Carcasses, that wee have hardly strength to walk in our Irons, which the mercyless Tyrant, still relentless, will not order to be taken off, thô wee have been Loaden therewith from the 15th January wanting but three days of nine months, and wee have little reason to expect otherwise then the performance of his cruel threatnings that death alone shall be our relief.

[The] miseries wee have endured last heats [. . .] like leopards, with Boiles, sores, and [*one line lost*]. [Irons] over the rocky and uneven paths, to come as water to cool [&] refresh our inflamed bodies and when sometimes disabled by weakness, and Sickness forced to pay for it, out of our poor bellyes, so that our Sufferings have been, Superlative in this place and you may from hence make a true Judgement of the disposition of this distructive monster, who exults, and prides himself in his accursed Anti-christian misanthropy.

Our only hopes under God, can, & must rely on you, and wee shall remember and call on you with the last accints of a dying breath, but for Gods sake (Good Gentlemen) lett us not expire accusing your neglect of us, as the principall cause, both of our Sins and Sufferings, in this Place, nor mortifie and rend our poor hearts, with the sight of other of our poor Country men exposed to the same miseries for want of timely care and prevention.

Hee is now rogueing abroad, and all is fish that comes to the nett, no respect of persons, or to Ports where he can prevail, as may appear by what hath been done at Mangalore, Bussera, Gongo, and Gombroon, he sticks not at a violation, and beleives none hath Courage or force equall with him, because they do not box him and pray do you take care of Mahim, Carwarr & Gombroon, perhaps Tillichery & Cullicut may not be to secure, he hath information from Surat when your Europe Ships go off the Coast, therefore February and March are his time of harvest.

To the shame of our Nation wee are more in number Englishmen Slaves to this Cartiff then the Portuguez and are more dispised, but wee hope Queen Ann will exceed the Noble Elizabeth in Protection, and delivery of her poor oppressed, and distressed Subjects.

The bearer Primus a Guinea Coffree, & former servant to Mr. Affleck brings this and the accompanying which have [. . .] Conveyance [*one line lost*] promised you will give him as a gratuity but trust him not back with any thing but Letters, thô he was faithfull in his Charge last time, nor acquaint him with any Correspondence, or Passages between you and us formerly, for our risgoes are now very Perilous, Our Boatswain run away from hence in December, was catcht at Julfur, and is now a prisoner in Irons in the Dungeon.

If you can remitt mee any mony by Bill to Muscatt, as I think may best be done by means of the Chief of Callicutt, Merchants comeing from thence yearly wth coconutt, rice, pepper & copra, who are Moors, and can come up to Rustock without Danger, it will be a great Charity, and may keep mee alive, but direct it to mee who am still in dirision stiled Capitain Ingrez, thô God knows a most miserable and helpless Captive.

God almighty direct and Inspire your hearts, preserve your persons, and grant us the Happiness once again of personally acknowledging our selves.

My particular respects to
Good Mr. Bendall &ca.

Your most oblidged and
faithfull humble Servants

WILLM. MORRICE.

No. 30.

RUSTOCK YE 9TH OF APRILL 1703.

BROTHER JACOB,

My best respects to you remembred hopeing in Almighty God that these few lines will find you in as good and Perfect health, as I am at this present writeing thanks be to God Almighty for it, Brother I haveing this opportunity I cannot but chuse but to acquaint you once more of my hard fortune and usage since I have been taken by the Arabs, for they came into Busserah river where they drove aboard of us like [. . .] as they were and fell a cutting down [. . .] then men, Captn. Wilkinson [. . .] and severall [*one line lost*] people and some of our Europemen though wounded very much made their escape by Jumping over board and swiming to the shoar my self only and one ffrench man being taken by them and brought to Muscatt half or almost dead with a violent feavour, where wee wore kept till such

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time the King came down, which was 5 weeks, then I was hurried up into the Country to Rustock where the King lives, where my miseries begnn afresh for I being almost dead the first salutation they gave mee was to ask mee whether I would Comply to them, and to be circumcized or nott, if not I was to be Loaden with Irons and heaved into prison, and thereto rot like a dog but still their great threatnings, and high words did not at all daunt mee, for the thoughts how my blessed Saviour Jesus died for my sins and for us all, I denied them and told them I would not comply to them therefore they might do to mee as they thought Good, and althô they killed my body, they were not able to kill my soul Dear Brother the allowance they give mee and all other poor Christians is so small that it makes our lives a burden to us, for they give mee $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Rupee a month and about 12 seer of corn a month wch. God knows is so small there is no living upon it for wee are fain to goe and beg butter milk and bones of the Butchers, so the Dogs fare the worse for us all in this miserable Place, still those Infidells came daily to me to ask mee to turn but still I denied them, till at the length of [. . .] weeks they came more like dogs then Men Putting mee and the Rest of my fellow Sufferers in Irons each pair being almost 40 Pound weight and so heaving mee into a sad and dismall Prison where they said wee should turn or perish like dogs as wee were they gave me a small quantity of rotten dates and a little stinking water, by which small allowance I continued severall days so wasted & dried away and be[ing almost] dead and would not yeld to them, they took [. . .] by violence [*one line lost*] they had gotten their wills off us then those barbarians took of my Irons so here I was kept in a short time after I was well here arrived Capt[n]. Morrice and eight men with him all in a very good health, but this miserable sickly place soon carried away four of them, the other five taken and thrown into Prison and were forced more like dogs then men to do to them as they had done to mee before, but still they see that wee will not follow their devotion they say that wee are going to run away, so the King have Loaden us again with Irons, and says we shall rott in them like dogs as wee are, and likewise wee have a strong gard to look after us, and alwayes have had, the King himself calls us stinking lying Dogs for says he they told mee they were Englishmen, if they were says he why do not the English look after them for he says there is no king nor Prince in the world that can do him any harm but God knows it is a very easie matter to ruin him both by Sea and Land, Peter Lemon haveing the language has made his escape away and one Englishman which was Captain Morrices Boatswain and two blackmen with him, now wee hear that the Englishman is taken bnt whether he is or [not] wee cannot tell for in this miserable place, we cannot hear nothing but lyes, Pray dear Brother give notice to all poor Europe men to have a great care how they come this way & how they fall into the hands of those Infidells for it is much better for them to blow up their ship then to fall into their hands for my sufferings, and all other poor Christians in this place is unspeakable.

Dear Brother Jacob remember my kind love to my poor wife and Child and pray for Gods sake take care of her and the Child, and see that she is not wronged nor Cheated of what she has in my absence for the Lord knows whether ever I shall see her or the Dear Child for in this miserable place althô my sufferings are unexpressible [. . .] and what with Irons, [. . .] and Greif for my poor wife and Child for if I might have the whole [world] it would be nothing in my mind without her sweet Company, Pray Remember my kind love to your wife and Children and to John Derixon and his wife and Children & likewise to father Thomas and to M[r]. Simon and his wife and to all the rest of my freinds in Generall no more at present but I rest and remain your ever loveing Brother till Death.

MICHAEL KEELLING.

No. 31

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the
United Company of Merchants
of London Trading into the
East Indies &c^a. Council.

Vizagapatam
Aprill 17th. 1704.

Hono^ble. &c^a.

Our last was of the 30th. Ult^o. adviseing the then needfull since which the Camp is gone & Rustendell and wee parted extream good friends who before he made entrance into Chickacull just of this side that river cutt off three of the Principall Rajas at the head of their Armies without the loss of ever a man of his side, which has struck such a terror into all people that have great reason to beleive the Country will be peaceably and quietly settled under his Government, and that there won't be those frequent revolutions as formerly. Recd 8th May 1704.

Enclosed you will receive y^e. promised List of our expences to himself &c^a. which we hope you will according to your advises speedily supply us [with . . .] we shall most certainly be fati [. . .]bdars wch. may [*one line lost*] which of what ill Consequence it may prove wee [leave] to your Hon^rs. &c^a. most serious Consideration

In answer to your Hono^r. &c^as. of y^e. 29th. February wee are to add, that wee have sometime since sent an account of our expences, wch. hope ere this you have rec̃d and what orders you give relateing thereto upon your advice shall particularly be observed,

Your promised supply of Factors provisions wee hope will arrive speedily all our business being at a stand for want thereof,

Our Acco^t. Dead Stock & Books ending Aprill were long since sent you so doubt not their being ere this with your Hon^r. &c^a. and if you speedily supply us with Factors provisions our present Books shall be sent you by your prefixed time being brought up to January where they lye for want of Paper,

As to our treatment and Negotiation with Rustundell wee advised your Hono^r. &c^a. at large in our last which hope has mett your approbation haveing endeavoured all things for the best, and Considering all circumstances wee think wee are come off very well,

In answer to your wanting our Dyaryes, and Consultations, we inferr that all business of Consequence and Moment wee insert in our Generalls, and omitt troubleing you with the other frivolous concerns of little importance, as peoples going and Comeing into the Town and the like, for fear of being impertinent haveing been formerly reprehended when wee sent our Consultations and diaryes at large frequently that they were troublesome half not being worth the reading and the other half not worth [the writeing] but if your Hon^r. &c^a. [. . .] at large as formerly upon your advice it shall be effected, and which is the present needfull from

Hono^ble. &c^a.

Your most humble Serv^ts.

Simon Holcombe.

Thom^s. Stables.

Robt. Cranwell.

No. 32

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t.
Hono^ble United English East India
Company on the Coast of Chormandell,
and Governour of Fort S^t. George &
S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hono^ble S^r. &c^a.

Recd 10th. May 1704. Just now is come to hand your Hono^r. &c^as of the p^mo. Instant, Wee have carefully perused both your Generalls of the 27th January and 16 February, in the first of which we rec͠d orders for summoning our Merchants in order to agree upon Musters, and their prises for an Investment for the Hono^ble. United Comp^y. and in the latter directions to send them with their prizes to your Hono^r. &c^a. for your approveall, but [in] neither don't find your orders to send up the Musters till the prizes [. . .] has often press [*two lines lost*] with the best Arguments he is master of, by often summoning all the Merchants to Councill, and eagerly pressing them to Conclude the prizes, But till the Ballance of their last Account is paid them, they are unable to undertake it, since the Managers have directed that no money must be Issued out before hand, so that wee have occasioned no delay in this matter, By this Conveyance wee send your Hono^r. &c^a. Three Musters of ordinary Longcloth N°. 1, 2 & 3 One of Sallampores N°. 3 and for the Musters of 40 & 50 Coved Betteelas wee can't meet with a better than our Old Master's and therefore have pitched upon that if with your approveall.

Croome Cawn is sent for by Surupsing he left Trevendeporam few days since, without doing any prejudice to our Bounds, which he was deterred from by the methods wee took.

M^r. Farmer shall have his Sallary as the others are to have, and M^r. Landen shall be paid his from the 10th January last, to which time he has already [acquainted] he received it,

Wee have rec͠d the Paper by the [. . .] but wee shall be in want of a larger supply, which [request] you will please to send us by the first opportunity.

Dow'd Cawn wee hear is secureing his Army at Arcott for fear of the Moratta's when he marched this way wee shall expect your Hon^or. &c^as. orders for our Government,

Wee very gladly understand the safe arrivall of ship Queen, and Sloop Greyhound from Bencoolen and note the great summe drawn upon your Hono^r. &c^a. from thence, We shall be forced to give our Bills to such an amount as will defray the necessary expences of the Garrison except your Hon^r. &c^a. will please speedily to send us a supply or permitt us to take up money for that purpose with due respects, we crave leave to subscribe,

Fort S^t. David
May Y^e. 6th. 1704

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most humb^le. Serv^ts.

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^d. Mountague.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

No. 33

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esq[r].
President &c[a]. Council for Affairs
of the R[t]. Hono[ble]. United Comp[a].
Trading to the East Indies

S[rs].

Yours of the 15th with an Addition of three Paragraphs the 19th Ultimo I recd yesterday. & had the day before sent away Eight Horses, part of the Dead Stock of the United Company, Four of which are already valued in the List of Dead Stock delivered you ℘ M[r]. Frewen which four have their price putt down in the List Inclosed I dont remember you ever writt for the Horses before or since November last at which time I could not deliver them to you, for there was no United Companys Servants then in India, neither could the Colchester have taken them in, when the Ship was so full of Goods, the reason I now send them is the good opportunity of their going with the Dutch Cheifs [Peo]ple not questioning your approbation of what [. . .] for your selves write that they must remain till an opportunity of shipping offers believing they will be in danger to be lost if they come by land ℘ reason of the troubles in the Country which is now secured ℘ their going with so many white men as the Dutch Chief has with him, 22d. May 1704.

The Dead stock or the greatest part thereof lyes in the House where I live, there being none at the Old ffactory but what M[r]. Frewen left there when he went from hence, and had it not been for the Dead Stock I might have gone to Maddapollam which I always designed, there I need Nott keep half the number of people which I am obliged to keep at this place especially at such time when people could not sleep at quiet for fear of being surprized in the night ℘ the Morattas for which reason I think the United Comp[a]. should bear part of the Charges.

M[r]. Frewen left in the Old ffactory 6 Peons who have not recd their wages since he went as they tell mee, if you'l order mee to pay them [from the] United Companys Account, I'le disburse the money, [there] is 3 more and a Bramine at Maddapollam ffactory,

The Morattas are now gone from hence therefore no occasion to send down any people upon that account,

There is no occasion for repairing the brick Wall round the New ffactory at Maddapollam it wants only a Coat of Chinam to keep the Bricks from the Weather that so they might not moulder away, but as you write that you may receive fuller orders about these ffactorys ℘ next shipping tis better to deferr it [till] that time, for twill be very difficult getting fresh water enough this dry season to work the Chinam I'l send to Madapollam to know how long the old ffactory Wall may stand without repairing, or [what] the Charges may come too to prop it upp to stand two or three months longer, and then act therein according to your orders, I have taken the Dark Grey Horse at 60 Pagodas, and given the Dead Stock Creditt for the same, there is still one black horse in my Possession belonging to the United Company I am

S[rs]

Your most humble Serv[t].

W[m]. Tillard.

Metchlepatam

May y[e]. 11th. 1704.

The Charges of the Horses to Fort S[t]. George shall send you so soon as the Peon returns to give me an Acco[t]. of what he may have expended on the Road.

No. 34.

VIZAGAPATAM Y^E. 10TH. MAY 1704

TO THE HONO^BLE. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T.
HONO^BLE. UNITED COMP^A. OF MERCH^TS.
LONDON TRADING TO THE EAST
INDIES &C^A. COUNCILL

HONO^BLE. &C^A.

Recd Ulto. May 1704

On the 28th. Ultimo wee were Hono^rd. with yours of the 19th. Ditto ℔ Ship Dorothy with the Treasure Factors Provisions &c^a. sent us by her whose amount wee have carryed to your Credit in our Account and wee return your Hon^r. &c^a. all due thanks for your necessary and expeditious Supply, which came very opportunely and has maintained our Credit and reputation with the Nabob, with whom wee have a very freindly Correspondence,

Our Generall Books ending last month shall no unexpected occurrence intervening be certainly sent you according to your order by September,

Wee are sorry the Substance of our Letters is Generally so unpleasant, which wee cannot help, for wee cannot live without expences upon perusall whereof if your Hono^r. &c^a. shall find wee make any triviall or unnecessary Charges wee acknowledge ourselves lyable to the most sattyricall Aspersions, and the worst of sensures, and for easeing and alliriating our Charges it wholly depends on Investments of which haveing writt your Hono^r &c^a. at large in our last wee shall avoid now troubleing you with a needless repetition,

Our Town came so in Arrears by the great want of Rains so that the Renters of our Towns under this haveing no crop by the great drought were not able to Pay the Kistees duly as usuall but however when the year is expired and the Account made up and the Revenues all Collected the Town will nigh upon if not totally clear it self, and there will be but little or no loss by it,

As to the raizing or Continueing our Settlement wee shall acquiesce with what the Comp^a. or your Hono^r. &c^a. shall think fitt, our Mannagement neither has or shall give any occasion of the former haveing allways exerted our Endeavours for the best according as the exigence of Affairs would permitt as wee shall still continue to do but the frequent unexpected revolutions that have happened and anticipated our well laid designes wee could not prevent, but wee always took that care as among all those disturbances to secure the Comp^as. Estate and Goods from being plundered or made away with, which wee hope may be accounted an acceptable peice of Service, especially when the Dutch our neighbours have so often Sustained damage thereby,

The only incouragement wee can give to make our settlement approved of and Continued is to advise that under Rustundell Cawns Government there is no appearance of those frequent revolutions happening and that therefore wee will Invest in Longcloth, Sallampores or what your Hono^r. &c^a. shall desire any sume of money not exceeding 60000 Pagodas by Christmas a due proportion whereof to come in for the September Shiping, which wee leave to your Hono^r. &c^as. consideration and Committ our selves and Settlement to the Hono^ble. Comp^a. and your Hono^r. &c^as. Candour and Protection,

Wee advised in our last the Departure of the Camp and now Inclose according to your order the Copys of the Nabobs Perwana's.

Messrs. Morton and Horden are allowed according to your Hono^r. &c^as. directions, and they return your Hono^r. &c^a. all due thanks for your favorable care of them,

Wee observe your Hono^r. &c^as. kind indulgence and Grant to Messrs. Griffith and Bugden to whom wherefore wee shall consigne all Vessells may be bound from this Place to that Port, and wch. is the present needfull from

HONO^BLE. &C^A.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THOM^S STABLES.
ROB^T CRANWELL.

P. S.

Wee must desire your Hono^r. &c^a. to send us some flints haveing none but what are in the Army.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONOBLE. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL &
GOVERNOUR OF FFORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to your Honor. &ca. was dated the 6th. Instant, and by the same Conveyance sent you three Musters of ordinary Longcloth and one of Sallampores which if you approve of wee shall count the Pungeumes and when wee agree the prizes thereof with our Merchants, oblige them to the same Number, with whom wee have latly had severall meetings, in order to fix the prizes of said Musters, and yesterday after a long debate, they insisted upon the following heads, Recd pmo. June 1704.

Imps.
That the Ballance of their old Account be forthwith paid them, because they say they have no other stock to Issue out for buying of Goods, and since the Compas. orders are so possitive that no mony must be impres't to them beforehand they are absolutely unable to undertake the Investmt till they receive that mony.

Secondly
Since the Companys urgent occasions requires their makeing an Investment at this time, and the Moratta Army reported to be so very near, they are apprehensive and fearfull that their mony and Cloth may be seized in the Country, and therefore insist that upon due proof thereof the Company should be obliged to pay them what damage they sustained,

Thirdly
That they cannot oblige for any great quantity of Cloth because their Joint Stock mony is no more then fifteen Thousand Pagodas in which is Included their Godown and other necessary buildings here, so that they won't have above Twelve Thousand Pagodas clear mony to carry on this Investment.

Fourthly
In Consideration the Company have directed no other sorts of Cloth then ordinary Longcloth, ordinary Sallampores, and 40 or 50 Coved Betteelas, and have forbid their Providing of those Goods by which they were formerly Greatest Gainers, for which reason they demand the following prizes Vizt.

For Longcloth ordinary No. 1. 34 Pags. ℘ Corge brown
Do. ... ... No. 2. 32½ Pags. ℘ Corge Do.
Do. No. 3 they will not undertake to provide any
Sallampores ordry. 2⅛co. broad No. 3 15 pags. ℘ Corge
Do. ... ... No. 4 14 Do.
Betteelas 40 Coveds ... No. 25 33½ Do.
Do. .. .. No. 26 35 Do.
Do. ... 50 Coveds No. 27 42 Do.
Do. ... ... No. 28 44 Do.

The Longcloth and Sallampores they will oblige to sort either by our Old Masters Musters or by those wee have sent your Honoble. &ca. from hence wch. you shall best approve of,

Fifthly
That as soon as they have brought in Goods to the Amount of Three Thousand Pagodas and the Companys Chop be put thereon, they be immediately paid for the same in ready mony here, and that the Compa. be obliged to take, what Goods they can provide between this and the 15th. September next, or till such time as the Company forbid them provideing any more, and that dureing the Continuance of this Contract, wee oblige to Contract with no other Merchants whatsoever,

All which wee think Termes so unreasonable as well as unusuall, and the prizes of ye Cloth so high, that wee could not Consent thereto and therefore lay them before Your Honor. &ca. for your further Directions.

The Persons Concerned in the Death of Francisco de pina, according to your Hono^r^. &c^as^. directions are still kept close prisoners from whom wee have rec̃d Petitions for their releasement, or to be bro^t^. upon their tryall, therefore request you will please to send your directions about that business,

The Destiny Briggantine arrived here about eight days since, who delivered us some packing Stuff, and a box of Medicines, but whether the whole he is obliged to, or no, wee can't tell, haveing rec̃d neither invoice or Bill of Loading for the same,

The Juncanneers of Boomipollam still continue their Insolence and very lately gott to gather about one hundred Horse, and foot with Intentions to seize upon our people, and carry them up Prisoners to Waldore, which obliged us to send a party of Men from hence, Which as soon as they had notice of they fled, Them fellows are Continually giving us trouble without the Least provocation on our side that wee know of, so that except Your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will please to appoint them some Chastisement, they will not let our Peons Pass in quiet and safety, with what Letters and charge they have,

In our last Generall wee requested your Hono^r^. &c^a^. would please to send us some money to defray the necessary charges of the Garrison. The Ballance of the United Companys Cash last month was near Four Thousand Pagodas in Debt and y^e^. Paymaster will want fourteen or fifteen hundred Pag^s^. more, for this months expences besides the Covenanted Servants have not yet had their Sallary, which with the arrears will amount to near Twelve hundred Pagodas, so that unless you will please speedily to send us a supply wee shall not be able to pay the mens Wages, for wee have already been forced to borrow what wee can here, Which being the needfull with due respects wee crave leave to Subscribe.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Your most humble Servants

Fort S^t^. David
May y^e^. 27th. 1704

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^d^. Mountague.
Vicess^s^. Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
T. Games.

No. 35

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Governour of Fort S^t^. George Presid^t^.
of Madrass for Affairs the R^t^. Hono^ble^.
Governour &c. Company of Merchants
of London Trading to the East
Indies &c^a^. Councill

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^. S^rs^.

Recd 8th. June 1704

Wee have before us two of your Hono^r^. &c^a^. Letter to this ffactory of date the 27th September & 6 Novemb^r^ rec̃d ℘ Ship Howland from Surat the 25th Currant to wch wee return answer,

Our late Cheif of this Place Mr James Bruce left us and went for Surat on Ship Success the 21st January past, and from thence he designes for England.

As to the 6 Horses your Hono^r^. &c^a^ ord[er] to be provided yearly for your place, wee shall write to the Agent and Councill at Spahaune thereabouts, and send them Copys of your Letters and what orders given us shall be observed.

M^r^. Bruce carryed all Cap^tn^ Lamberts and Cap^tn^. Rouses estate with him to Surat, so at present can say no more to that, the Generall and Councill is [advised] thereof.

To this time your Hono^r^ &c^as^ Bill [drawn] on us for ten thousand three hundred and five Rupees is not come to our sight when does it shall be duely satisfied, and wee shall draw the amount back on your Hono^r^. &c^a^. as directed,

Wee are glad to hear your Hono^{r} &c^{a}. recd the Carpetts sent ℘ the London, Mr Bruce at his departure telling us he had forgott to charge them in the Invoice their amo^{t} Comes to Shahees 1000 which was allowed to M^{r}. Bruce, and carryed to your acco^{t} in our Books which is transferred to Acco^{t}. Currant Bombay,

We have recd the List of what your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. requires yearly from this Place, and what wee can provide good shall be sent if possible by our Masters shipping or private ones, if can perswade them to carry them on freight which comonly is very difficult to doe, except your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. agree with the Comand^{rs}. and Supra Cargoes before they proceed on their Voyage, Wee will take care for the future if the Wine proves good, that the enordered supply yearly be sent, as to the smallness of the flasks wee can say nothing to, but the Agent wee doubt not when hears your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. Complaints will see it rectified, due care shall be taken here when the wine and rosewater is packt up that they have their full quantity of bottles in each Chest.

Wee are almost past all hopes of ever getting cleare our poor Country men out of Arabia some time since a person wee sent on purpose to endeavour their Clearance and wee agreed to give him 50 Tomands upon his bringing Cap^{tn}. Morice alive to us, wee hear nothing from him as yett but hope God will give him good success in his designe.

Wee observe that the six thousand Shakees Lent here to Cap^{tn} Reid on his owners acco^{t} is paid to your Hono^{r} &c^{a}.

Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as} Pacq^{t}. to Spahaune shall be duly forwarded in one or two days time more

Some time since by a Dutch Ship that arrived here from Cocheen wee heard of the arrivall of two french Men of Warr at Pollicherry pray God send our Shipping clear of them for the news your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. has been pleased to send us wee return our most hearty thanks and could wish wee had any here to retaliate the same favour, but at present wee are not so happy not haveing for this seven or Eight months recd any certain news from Europe, nor one Gazett, which is very strange, wee are in daily Expectation of receiving some advices from Spahawn and Alleppo, which if worthy your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. knowledge, wee shall not be wanting in our Dutyes to forward it to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. by this years Shipping, wee add not elce at present but wishing prosperity to our R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Masters Affairs and health & happiness to you Hono^{r}. &c^{a} persons conclude this from

GOMBROONE
28TH. APRILL 1704

HONO^{BLE} S^{R}. &C^{A} S^{RS}.

Your most Obedient and
Humble Servants

WILLIAM LEE.
JA^{S} RAULINS.
EDW^{D}. DENNIS.

P.S.

The Inclosed for the President and Councill of Bengall desire may be forwarded ℘ first opportunity Idem

N°. 36

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}
ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND S^{T}.
DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL

HONO^{BLE} S^{R}. &C^{A}

On the 5th. Instant wee recd your Hono^{r}. of the 31st past Month Wee are not sensible of any evasion wee made in our answer and only Courted the words of your own Generall because taxed with neglect of complying thereto, Recd ye 13th June 1704

The Musters were the best wee could procure, and such a sort of Cloth as wee then thought our Merchants able to Comply with, but Since your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. think them very ordinary please to send us such as you approve of,

Wee shall expect a supply of book Paper by the first Conveyance, all that wee have being now in use for Coppying last years books The Deputy Governour has wrote to Ponticherry, and all he could procure, there was two Rheams of Ordinary Paper which if you please shall be sent you,

Since the receipt of your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. wee have had a meeting with our Merchants, and laid before them the great prejudice the Company would Sustain if they did not immediately commence the Investment and procure for them a good quantity of Bales for the September Shipping and therefore earnestly pressed them to accept of reasonable prises, but to all our perswasions and Arguments they were mute and positively bent, not to deviate from their last unreasonable prises and proposeall, and wee cant think of any other method to correct their Stubborness but that which your Hono^{r}. &c^{a} mentions Viz^{t}. To appoint some others to undertake this Investment, and thereby make them sensible of their Error, for perhaps they are of opinion if they dont undertake it here is no body else can, It may for the future be a very good peice of service to the Company to undeceive them Wee have not been wanting often to lay before them the Hono^{ble} Mañagers orders to be observed in makeing their Investments by which they were Very sensible the R^{t}. Hono^{ble} Company would run no risque in the Country of Morattas or otherwise,

They have alledged to us many reasons for their backwardness in not undertakeing this Investment but the most Substantiall they give is (notwithstanding your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. thinks their fortunes so considerably improved) they really have not a Stock of their own sufficient to doe it, and the Morratas Army lying within few days March of Us, they say makes it very dangerous hazarding Mony into the Country, and difficult to procure Cloth, and if the Morrattas march into these parts most Certainly the Weavors would leave their habitations and Employs.

Persuant to your Hono^{r} &c^{as}. direction wee shall endeavour to find out other Merchants who will undertake to provide Cloth, but wee dispare of success haveing already Summond all the ablest Merchants in the Bounds who all refused provideing of Cloth, except wee had liberty to Issue out Money to them beforehand which wee are expressly forbid by the Hono^{ble}. Mañagers Orders,

Wee shall observe your Hon^{r} &c^{as} orders in sending to you the persons concerned in the Death of Francisco de Pina, with the wittnesses by the first conveyance of Shipping.

The Invoice and Bill of Loading for Gunnys &c^{a}. sent us ℘ the Destiny Briggantine, wee recd̃ Inclosed,

The Cattwall or head Renter of the Juncans of Boomiapollam, Awashewack &c^{a} has sent hither one of his people requesting his usuall present, and to assure Us that for the future none of our People shall be molested as they pass his Juncans, To which wee answered could give little credit to his Masters promisses but if he would come himself and give us a satisfactory assurance of his future quiet behaviour, he shou'd receive the usuall ℘ [cent.]

If hereafter he or his people continue their insolence we shall put in execution Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. orders & send a Sufficient force to beat them soundly or seize the heads and bring them hither.

From the Ult^{o}. December last wee have kept a distinct Cash Book for the United Comp^{a}. from that time wee have recd̃ but Pagodas Two Thousand from your Hono^{r} &c^{a}. for defraying the Charges of this Garrison, and till within these two months last past very little Custome has come in so that your Hono^{r}. &c^{a} must needs be sensible the United Companys Cash must be in debt, But more particularly by our Letter of the 28th. February which advised how much the Cash was in debt at that time, and on the 11th. of March wee acquainted your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that the Two Thousand Pagodas then sent Us, would not pay the ballance of the Preceeding month by one Thousand Pagodas, and in all our Letters since, complained of [our] want & desired a Supply which wee now again earnestly request or the men must go unpaid at the end of the month, for wee can borrow no more Money here,

Inclosed wee recd Translate of Peddaway Duppa, and Negapa's Petition to your Hono[r] &c[a] who were called up, and imediately ordered to go to Madrass, to which they answered that they never sent any Petition, neither did they ever Authorize or appoint any Persons to deliver any on their Acco[t]. however wee shall persue your Hono[r] &c[as] direction in sending them with the persons formerly ordered who have long since had possitive Commands to be gone, and have no ways been detarded by any body here, but on the Contrary threatned punishment if they delayed going.

M[r]. Vicessimus Griffith shall be instat[ed] in the Customers Employ at Cuddalore and the other Gentlemen in the Posts formerly directed by you Hono[r]. &c[a] But in ours of the 24th. Aprill wee advised that M[r]. Mountague could not take upon him the Warehousekeepers business and supervise the Books, and therefore prayed your Hono[r] &c[as] directions which of the Employs he must Officiate in, being unable to performe both, Which he request yo[r] next order,

By this Conveyance wee send your Hono[r]. &c[a] our Consultations, Dyary and Account of Cash to the Ultimo past month, As also an Account of what Sallary is due to the R[t]. Hono[ble]. English East India Companys Servants to March last with the Arrears from the 22[d] July 1702 and M[r]. Mountagues Accounts of Tobacco Beetle and Ganjee of Cuddalore to the Ult[o]. Feb[ry]. And M[r]. Farmers Acco[ts]. of Tobacco Beetle and Gangee of Tevenapatam to the Ulto[o]. January, Which with our due respects is the needfull from

FORT S[T]. DAVID HONO[BLE] S[R]. &C[A]

JUNE Y[E] 10TH. 1704. Your most humble Serv[ts].

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
EDM[D] MOUNTAGUE.
VICESS. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 37

TO THE HONO[BLE]. THOMAS PITT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HONO[BLE].
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP[A]
IN THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL, AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE, AND S[T].
DAVID &C[A] COUNCILL.

HONO[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A]

Our last to your Hono[r]. &c[a] was dated the 10th. Instant which accompanied our Dyary Consultations and Account Cash to the Ult[o]. May, And also an Account of what Sallary is due to the R[t]. Hono[ble]. English East India Companys Servants to March last, with the Arrears from the 22[d]. July 1702, M[r]. Mountague's Accounts of Tobacco Beetle and Ganjee of Cuddalore to the Ult[o]. February, and M[r]. Farmers Accounts Beetle Tobacco and Ganjee of Tevenapatam to the Ult[o]. January last, all which wee hope has arrived with you in safety, Recd 24th. June 1904 Pattamar.

Our last advised your Hon[r]. &c[a] upon what Termes wee stood with our Joint Stock Merch[ts]. and being then not able to come to any conclusion with them, Persuant to your orders on the 15th Ins[t]. wee sumoned about Twenty of the Ablest Merchants within our bounds, and laid before them the Hono[ble]. the Managers orders to be observed in their future Investments, and proposed to them the makeing an Investment upon those Termes when they required till four in the Afternoon to Consider thereof and then again attended to enter into a Partnership and raise a Stock of Ten Thousand pagodas for provideing Cloth for the Company, And that by

Monday following they would adjust all Matters amongst themselves ready to attend us in Consultation to agree the Musters and prizes, which they accordingly did and laid before us Severall Musters, but none so good as our Old Masters, And therefore if your Honoʳ. &cᵃ. approve thereof, Tis agreed those to be the Musters, and the Cloth they provide shall be of the same goodness and finess, and the same Number of Pungeums or Threads, It would be to tedious to trouble your Honoʳ. &cᵃ. with a repetition of the long debade wee had, and of the many Arguments and perswasions wee used, to bring these Merchants to the lowest Prizes, & after all the best Termes wee could bring them to, was to accept the same prizes as given the Joint Stock Merchants last Year, which wee think something Cheaper because the Merchants are obliged to Issue out their owne money, and yᵉ. Honoᵇˡᵉ. Mannagers have forbid the provision of those sorts by which they were formerly most gainers & haveing not yett received from your Honoʳ. &cᵃ. directions to what amount this Investment must be or how much of each sort of Cloth wee must provide, Wee have agreed, That supposeing the Investments to be for Fifty Thousand Pagodas the merchants be obliged to bring in

Longcloth Ordinary N°. 1 & 2 to the Value of Pagˢ.	23000
Sallampores ordinary N°. 3 & 4	17000
Betteelas 40 & 50 Coveds	10000

or proportionably for what sum̃e your Honoʳ. &cᵃ. shall direct this Investment to be made, and the Company to pay for the same as fast as they bring it in in ready money here.

The Merchants likewise oblige to bring in Twenty five Thousand Pagodas worth of Cloth for the September Shipping, and the remaining Twenty five Thousand Pagodas for the January Shipping, but wee have reason to hope they will provide a greater sum̃e for the September Shipping if no accident attends them in the Country,

The Merchants are obliged to run the risque of all their money, and Cloth in the Country and to bear the loss of whatever may happen by Warrs with the Morattas, Stoppage of the Country Government or any other accident whatsoever And wee are no farther ingaged but to assist them the Charge of which they are to beare, and for all other articles the same as in our former Contract These are the best Terms, wee could bring them to, Which if your Honoʳ. &cᵃ. is pleased to approve, Wee request yoʳ. speedy answer, that the Merchants may be able to comply in point of time,

Inclosed your Honoʳ. &cᵃ. will receive a List of stores belonging to the Governour & Company of Merchants of London tradeing into the East Indies, Which wee think proper to be bought of them for Account of the United Company and absolutely necessary for the use of this Garrison, but before wee proceed therein wee pray Your direction & whether wee must buy them at outcry or Value them at the present marked price.

Since writeing the foregoing the Old Joint Stock Merchants with the new appeared before us, and requested they might be joined togather for the better carrying on this Investment, Which wee have Consented to, if with your approveall, because their Joint Stock will be the more inlarged & this Investment the sooner Compleated, Which being the needfull, with our due respects wee crave leave to Subscribe

FORT Sᵀ. DAVID HONᴮᴸᴱ. Sᴿ. &cᴬ.

JUNE THE 21ˢᵀ. 1704. Your most humble Servᵗˢ.

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
EDMᴰ. MOUNTAGUE.
VICKSˢ. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 38

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esqr.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. & THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCILL.

THE PETITION OF SARAH EYTON WIDDOW IN FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner haveing by the last advices from the West Coast recd the very sorrowfull news of the Death of her Dear husband, Nathaniell Eyton and to add to her trouble, been advised withall that he dyed Intestate and left his Acco[ts]. not in that good order as co[d]. be wished, which may prove a very great detriment to your Poor Petitioner Except your Hono[r]. &c[a]. will be pleased to stand her freind, She therefore now doth humbly request Your Hono[r]. &c[a]. to write to those Gentlemen who are at the Head of Affairs there that they wo[d]. appoint fitt persons to bring up M[r]. Eytons Accounts (wherein she humbly Conceives M[r]. Anthony Atkinson [may] be assisting to them, as haveing been acquainted with her husbands business a long time) that after all just debts are satisfyed, Your Petitioner may have the Remainder for her Subsistance, she haveing nothing elce to depend upon, and she is in hopes, that if M[r]. Eyton hath Justice done him there, and his accounts truely brought up, that she may have Sufficient to live upon, in regard that her husband was no spend thrift, and since his goeing to the West Coast, hath been all along in such Employm[t]. as in so many Years he might fairly and justly get a Competent Estate, And she further Petitions your Hono[r]. &c[a]. that you would please to write to the Gentlemen there to pay into the R[t]. Hono[ble]. Companys Cash what may be left of M[r]. Eytons Estate after his debts are paid, and to send over bills for the receiving of it here, or to order it to be remitted in any other way or method as to your Hono[r]. &c[a]. shall seem good, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray, Recd in y[e]. 26 June 1704.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE JUNE Y[E]. 26 1704.

No. 39

To the Hono[ble]. Thomas Pitt Esq[r].

PRESIDENT &C[A]. COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HONO[BLE]. UNITED ENGLISH COMPANY TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

S[rs].

I have now before mee yours of the 15th. which I recd Instant no wonder the Horses were so many days after the Letters when they stayed so long at Pollicat, am glad to hear three of them are sold so well as to yeild more then the amo[t]. of the Charge of all the Horses on the road, for if wee had kept them here, wee could not have sold them at all, haveing endeavoured it above eight months agoe but in vain. Recd 6th. July 1704 Pattamar.

I have paid the 6 Peons at this Place 84 Rupees and sent the Bramine and 3 Peons at Maddapollam R[s]. 47. 2[ps]. so that now they have received their wages in full to the last of May but since my last there is a Braminy belonging to this Factory which came to me for wages, I told him would write to your Hono[r]. &c[a]. about him please to lett mee know whither he is to receive any wages.

I find the Morrattas designe to be troublesome in the Country about ffort S[t]. George wee have news here that they have plundered Golcondah, I return your Hono[r]. &c[a]. thanks for your designed assistance had they continued nigh this place.

Inclosed is the Charges of the Horses on their Journey from hence to Fort St. George amounting to rupees 172. 25 please to give mee Creditt for the [Same] the Peons wages I don't charge they being in the Service of our Company, My last about the Yatch and boats was [the] 15th. March when writt you designed to order her to you so soon as the Companys Affairs would permitt, the Morattas being then nigh this place and there has no favourable wind blown since that time for her sailing to the southward, is the reason mentioned her not in my last, but have now ordered her out of Maddapollam River from whence she will come so soon as the fre[shes] will permitt, when shall send in her the Tent & Souldiers provisions, but please to excuse my not sending all the things you write for ꝑ her because have some Merchandize belonging to the Seperate Accounts of the E. I. Company which will not sell here but will at your place, therefore do send them ꝑ her,

I am agreeing for firewood, for the largest Country boat to bring to you, and with some more hired boats for the same purpose, but wee shall yett have occasion for the little Country boat to goe between this and Maddapollam,

I hope your next will bring good news of the safe arrivall of our Europe Ships if you had sent downe people hither when I first desired it, 'twould have saved my masters some charges and have saved mee much time which would have been imployed only in their service but as the Ships are now so soon expected shall waite patiently for their arrivall, and serve as I have already done the Honble. United Company and yourselves to the utmost of my Power being.

Srs.

Your most humble Servant

METCHLEPATAM
JUNE THE 24TH. 1704

WM. TILLARD.

No. 40

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCILL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE

YORK FORT, MAY
THE 29TH 1704

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Recd 14th July 1704 ꝑ ketch St. George.

1. The foregoing is Copy of our last ꝑ Ship Queen and Sloop Greyhound who sailed hence 23d. March last and hope ere this to be safely arrived, and the 28th Ditto the Anna sailed for Batavia and Banjarr Masseen but since by a Letter recd from Captn. Nelly at Battavia, understand that he designed not to proceed thither, since by certain advices thence he understood Pepper to be there not procureable therefore after getting what Stores he could for this Place, designed hither as soon as possible, being now in daily expectation of her, as also of a Ship from England, and to load one Ship hence this Year will wee beleive as much as possible shall be able to effect, wee mean of the Anna's bign[ess].

2. The Sarum is [returned] from Nayas and but with indifferent success [but] have made somewt. a better Voyage then the last, [she be]gins to be much out of repair, therefore designe [to send] her to your Honor. &ca. in order to be fitted [and wee] shall more largely advise by her,

3. Wee cannot but advise of a most barbarous murder Comitted at Sillabar Pulloo paggar by a Slave and three Buggess Soldiers on the Persons of Giles Jordan his [wife] and blackslave wench and they plundered of what [no]table the Villains made their escape into the Territories of the King of Bantam, but were there secured in Irons by the Head man of the place, who refused to deliver them

to Our people unless on payment of ₱ 400 . . . wee have sent him word that such demand is wholy unaccustomary but however if he will please to deliver them, wee shall not faile to give him an Hono^ble reward otherwayes shall apply our selves to the King of Bantam for Justice on such notorious delinquents wee have made as strict a scrutiny as are able into this matter and find the slave to be the principall agent as Confest by the fellows since apprehended the other Buggesses being likewise in Jordans debt he generally for Interest receiveing a great part of their Pay, also out of Vanity would be frequently shewing them his money, which might be about $ 250 which to us seem to be the principall motive induceing them to the Comission of this barbarous fact, 'tis not doubted but that the murderers will be brought to their deserved punishment, whither delivered to us or not, the King of Bantam not spareing such Villains, and ₱ first shall not fail adviseing him of the foregoing particulars.

4. Our Cash beginning to run very low [to] day being but $ 7764. — . 1 and to the Northward they [. . .] and very pressing with us for money to purchase pep[per and] carrying on their expences, and wee not in a condition [to su]pply them have therefore presumed to draw [bills] on your Hon. &ca. for $ 4379. 2. — rec̃d of the following [persons] into the R^t. Honble. Companyes Cash here which most humbly crave acceptance vizt.

Of Richard Watts Esqr. pay^ble. to Messrs. John Meverell and Richard Hunt for	$	500	=	=
Of M^r. Charles Brumpsted pay^ble. to the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr. &c^a owners of Ketch S^t. George		370	1	=
Of D^o. pay^ble to himself		1242	1	=
Of Cap^tn. W^m. Weld pay^ble to himself		861	3	=
Of Alexd^r. Reade pay^ble to M^r. Thomas Wright		510	=	=
Of W^m. Stone pay^ble. to the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr. ...		488	3	=
Of Thomas Gaywood pay^ble. to himself		406	2	=
	$	4379	2	=

5. Our want of fanams and Copper Cash both here and at the northward is of very great prejudice to the R^t. Hono^ble. Companys Affairs, which wee have at large represented to the Court of Mannagers and doubt not but that they will take due care therein, wee intreat a Supp[ly] of them as also of the severall stores mentioned in the List Inclos'd wee have not at present further matteriall to advise [saving] to subscribe our selves.

HONO^BLE S^R. &C^A.

Your most humble Servants.

RICHARD WAT[TS].
CHARLES WHEEL[ER].
JOHN DEL AP[IE]

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No. 42

[TO THE HON^BLE.] THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.
[PRESIDENT &] GOVERNOUR OF
[FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A.] COUNCILL

PETITION OF TAMOUR DE MOSES ATTORNEY
TO COJEE USUPH

[Humbly] Sheweth

That Paulo Paron being for Severall years past Attorney to Cojee Usuph, and being three years past, [bound] on a Voyage to Bengall and Persia he did Constitute and appoint Cojee Ohaun de Boghig Attorny in his stead to act and negotiate the Affairs of the aforesaid Cojee Usuph, and [The said] Paulo Paron arriveing in Persia he did there adjust Accounts with the said Cojee Usuph giving him also an account what he left of his in the hands of the said Cojee Ohaun [but]

the said Cojee Usuph, not approving that Ohaun should be [his] Attorney any longer, he did in Persia constitute and [ordain] and in his room and stead put your Petitioner Ta[mour] de Moses to be his true and Lawfull Attorney, [who arriving] safe in this place on ship Colchester in August [. . .] after five days arrivall he did Acquaint the said [Cojee Ohaun] of his Power, and Authority to demand receive and adjust the Accounts that were between the said Cojee [Esuph] and Cojee Ohaun, but the said Cojee Ohaun, by many shuffling causes & frivol[ous.] pretences refuseing to Comply with the just demands of your petitioner he was forced to have recourse to [the] Justice of this place and on the 20th. of Janry. A D. 170¾ [he did] enter an Action in the Court of Admiralty against [the said] Cojee Ohaun, and on the 25th. January following the said Cojee Ohaun did give and deliver to your Honrs. &ca. Petitioner an Inventory and List [of the] Goods, Papers, and effects, were in his hands belonging to Cojee Usuph [. . .] false and erroneous in many [. . .] List with his own hand before [. . .] -ledgeing and declaring that all [. . .] wholy and solely belong to [. . .] Commission that was due to his [. . .] done, Now may it please your Honour [. . .] the delivery of the said papers good [. . .] Petitioner going [to] St. Thoma to [. . .] there and Cojee Ohaun hearing [. . .] immediately follow him thither, and [. . .] to the Phouzdar of that place fal[. . .] chargeing your Petitioner, with [. . .] and violence taken from him [. . .] jewells and goods as also Severall [. . .] belonging to him, and by ℘swasion [. . .] prevail with the said Phouzdar to [. . .] the said Tamour in prison, which [. . .] Phouzdar and Ohaun did by most [. . .] drubbing, putting Irons an his [. . .] imprisonment, and almost star [. . .] the said List before mentioned [. . .] papers &ca. from your said [. . .] application being made to your [. . .] Armenians, as also by Araba, who [. . .]-powered by Cojee Usuph to act [. . .] behalf, your Honor. was pleased [. . .] notice, and care and secure wha[. . .] Honors. knowledge belonging [. . . Usuph, but your Honor. [. . .] understanding that your [. . .] applyed himself to the [. . .].

Remaining portions lost

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No. 43

Hono^ble^ Sr.

22d. July 1704 S V [℘] Pattamar.

Just now wee recd your Honors. dated the 6th. Instant S. V. with another for your Ships, when they shall be there in sight will send them and ready to assist them kindly with what Lies in our Power as freinds.

Wee heard of the late arrivall in Ponticherry Road of a Ship out of France, the Generall of the said place advised us that she brought no other news, but of that Fleet which sailed [out] of Holland with Prince Charles for Portugall, and was Seperated by a Storm wee have no news of any other French Ships if wee hear of any [Wee] shall not want to advise your Honor. &ca. [to] whom, wee wish health and Prosperity.

Hono^ble^. Sr.

Your faithfull freinds & Servts.

J. S. Hassius.
Andres Kra [. . .]
J. Schelder[. . .]
A. Wermin[. . .]
Johan[. . .]

Fort Dansburg
July 24th 1704

No. 44

To the Hono^ble^. [Thomas Pitt Esqr.]
President for [Affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^.]
United English [East] India [Company]
in the Coast of Chormandell & Govr.
of Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^.
Councill

Hono^ble^. S^s^. &c^a^.

On the 10th. wee recd your Hono^r^. &c^a^. Letter part of which was dated the 30th. past mo^th^. and part the 5th. Instant and with it the book paper mentioned to be sent. Recd. 22^d^. July 1704 [℔] Pattamar

The Catwall or Juncaneer of Boommiapollam Avasheawack &c^a^. has been here, and had appointed him his Usual present, and because not permitted to Come up to the ffort wth. his Tomtom Pipes &c^a^. (a thing not usually permitted, & was denyed his predicessour Ramdas by M^r^. Haynes) he went away without receiving it, wch. has hapned well, Since they have already broke their promise, and stopt the Presidents Peon in their return to Madrass.

Suncba Ramahs Bill upon Pola Chitte for two Thousand Pagodas, [wee] have received and shall Credit your Account for y^e^. same, and according to your permission, the first Opportunity wee have, shall draw what more wee want, But haveing been in great Streight for money to defray the necessary charges of this Garrison, Wee took out of our Old masters Cash Two Thousand five Hundred Pagodas for that [use] and gave them Credit for the same Sume.

Wee assure you it has been no fault or tryfleing of ours that Narso Reddees Debtors are not gone to Madrass, since they have Severall times had direction from us in Consultation to be gone imediately, and have Since the Receipt of your Letter again ordered them to repair to Madrass Which they have promised to Comply with in few days,

M^r^. Mountague shall have the Employs of M^r^. Haynes when Second Supervise the Books and remain at Cuddalore as you direct, [. . .] Wee should have been glad your Hono^r^. &c^a^ [would] have nominated the person you thought properest to be provisionall Warehousekeeper till their Arrivall of the Ships from England, In the Interim, If with your Hono^r^. &c^as^. approveall [wee] have appointed M^r^. Richard Harrison that [station] he haveing been formerly of Councill at Metchlapatam, and used to sort Cloth [there].

Since your Hono^r^. &c^a^. approve of the List of Stores necessary to be kept for this Garrison, Wee shall charge them to account of the United Trade at the Market price,

Persuant to your Hono^r^. &c^as^. Directions, Wee have again had severall Meetings with our Merchants, and at last Closed wth. them for an Investment of Twenty Thousand Pagodas, the Goods to be paid for according to the Managers orders Three fifths to be in: Long Cloth N°. 1 at 31 Pagodas ℔ Corge N°. 2 Twenty nine N°. 3 Twenty Seven, One fifth in Betteelas and one fifth in Sallampores, but haveing not yett recd from your Hono^r^ &c^a^. the prizes or Musters of Betteelas & Sallampores, Wee have agreed to sort upon the same, and the same price, but Upon the whole is to be abated two ℔ Cent and the Merchants to be under all other Conditions in the Contract, as yours at Madrass and to sort by the Same Musters both wch. wee request you will send us as speedily as you can, because the Merchants are Obliged to bring in these Goods in September, And as wee want money to pay them for the same, Wee shall draw upon you as Opportunity presents, Thô are fearfull shant meet with sufficient here, and therefore request you will please to remitt us what you can hither,

Wee are Sorry our Long Cloth appeared no better, but it is impossible for us to be judges of what wee dont see, the Sale of them in Egland will Convince us of the Difference, Wee owne our Washers to be faulty, and notwithstanding we have

some of yours here, and think our water very good, Wee are fearfull our Washers are to blame, If Care would have mended them, Wee assure you they have not warned the Dep^{ty}. Governours Continuall threats and assurance of Chastisment if they did not doe better.

The very day the Deputy Governour received advice of The French Ships arrivall at Pondicherry, He sent notice thereof to the President, But it is impossible to send it so quick from hence, they lying so much nearer you, There is but one Ship arrived, and she is still remaining in the Road said to be bound to Bengall Thô, they give out that four more are daily expected, Wee have lain Cattamarans to the Southward with this advice to all English Comãnders,

Wee have acquainted all our Merch^{ts}. with the Seizure is made of Goods belonging to the People of Tanjore, that they may come under no trouble, but a great many of them have at this time lying there considerable Effects to purchase Carrour and Chealla Long Cloth, the best sorts wee have and must come through that Country,

Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. Letter for Trincombar and Negapatam was iñediately Dispatch.

Wee have again Lett the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Bounds for one Year, for five Thousand [. . .] hundred and Sixty Chuckrums, Which is One hundred and Ten Chuckrums, more then Left for last Year and presume will meet your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. approbation.

M^{r}. Griffiths Employ as Customer of Caddalore requireing his Constant resideing there, And the Company haveing no Convenient Lodging for him and his family, wee request to know if wee may be permitted to take a house for his accomodation, there being one Offered to Lett,

Inclosed was Invoice & Bill of Loading for Ten Chests of Syrash Wine & some fruit, Which wee have rec̃d,

Our Generall Books are brought up to May last, and those to May 1703, are twice Copied, One to be sent for England, and the other to remain a Register with you, and those to May last are now a Copying, and they shall be sent togather in few days, which being the needfull Crave leave to Subscribe

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. David
July y^{e}. 19th. 1704

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^{d}. Mountague.
Vicess. Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

No. 45

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &c^{a}. Councill for Affairs
of the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. United Company
Trading to the East Indies
S^{rs}.

Recd 24th. July 1704 Pattamar

My last was the 24th. Ultimo in answer to yours of the 15th. D^{o}. when writt that designed the Yath [*sic*] for your place so soon as the ffreshes wo^{d}. permitt her comeing out of Maddapollam river.

The 8th. Instant I was favoured wth. yours of the 27th. Ult^{o}. wherein you writt for the Yatch and Fly the former is ready to come out of the river so soon as the weather will give Leave but the Fly lyes halled up, and has lain so under a Shed

above 12 months Since, she wanting a new bottom, and I beleive 'tis impossible to gett her to the Fort, without one, I have writt to Maddapollam to know w[t]. she'l want, and what the Charge of fitting her for a Voyage will amount to, I expect an answer this Evening, which shall be sent you in a Postscript underneath,

The 9th. Instant I recd a Letter from S[r]. Nicholas Waite &c[a]. Councill at Suratt dated 31st. May with an Account of the arrivall of two Men of Warr, and the Josiah arrived at Bombay, but do not write any Europe News, the Pattamars brought with them the accompanying Letters, one for the Hono[ble]. President Pitt, another for him &c[a]. Councill, and 2 more for particular persons at your place, I would have sent them Yesterday but that I staid for an answer from Madapollam about the [Ffly] to send you herewith.

I have fitted the Large Country boat to carry fire wood to ffort S[t]. George, and have hired another boat which is obliged to carry thither 56000 sticks at 2½ Rupees ℔ 1000, I could not gett any boat at a lower rate most of them being [hired] for Gingalee this season to fetch Rice, they will be Cheaper January next, please to lett mee know if you are willing to give this price for the hire of more boats, and I'le look out for others but at present cannot get any more to go for 2½ Rupees ℔ Mill, these two boats waite for a fair wind to depart from this place the Account of the Charges thereof shall be sent in my next Letter at present.

I desire leave to Conclude and remain,

S[R].

Metchlepatam — Your most humble Servant

July 1704 — Will[m]. Tillard.

P.S.

I have now recd the Charges of putting a new bottom to the ffly which does amount 100, by Computation about 60 Rupees of which 26 Rupees will be the Cost of the Timbers, which will be necessary y[e]. remaind[r]. shall disburse and order it to be done forthwith, not staying for an answer from you haveing already recd your orders for fitting out the same, the Master of the Yatch must stay till she is fitted wee having no other Englishman to see that 'tis well done.

As above William Tillard.

No. 46

To the Hono[ble]. Thomas Pitt Esq[r].
President, & Governour of Fort S[t].
George &c[a]. Council for the United
Trade of the Hono[ble]. English Company
Tradeing to India,

Gentlemen

Wee will not make repetition what the Hono[ble]. Old and New Company, as well as the Court of Managers for the United Trade has enjoyned every person in their Service, Transmiting printed copys of their Instrument and deeds of Union, mutually burying all past differences in oblivion, assisting one another carrying on their future interest, shall therefore congratulate their appointing you their first Gov[r]. & Council. Recd 24th July 1704 via Metchlepatam.

Then wee shall desire you'l Transmitt our Inclosed Pacquet to the Court of Managers recommended to M[r]. Tillard at Metchlepatam being forwarded to you, going by the first Ship dispatch[ed] from your Presidency for England, informing the arrivall of the Josiah & Men of Warr at Bombay, from Whence wee recd their Establishment for this Side India the 23[d]. Instant, Constituteing S[r]. John Gayer

Generall of India & Govern r. of Bombay, M . John Burniston Deputy Gov r. and Second, Mr. John Lock third Mr. Benjamin Aislabie 4th. Mr. Joseph Goodhsaw 5th. Mr. Benjamin Stacy 6th. Mr. Edmd. Crow 7th. and Mr. Peter Sumpter 8th of Council.

Sr Nicholas Wait Presidt. at Surat Mr. Wm. Proby second, Mr. Ephm. Bendall 3d. Mr. Jeremiah Bonnell 4th. Mr. John Robinson 5th. M. Timothcy Allestre 6th. Mr. Bernard Wych 7th. & Mr. Newent Gernet 8th. but if Sr. John Gaycr was yet detained at Surat, and cannot gett liberty to come away from thence in three months after he shall have recd notice on their Election of him to take upon him his Government, or if at the three months end he shall be hindred by the Monsoon, and cannot in one month after the turn of the Monsoon go up to Bombay, in such case they appint Sr. Nicholas Wait to be Generall in the room of Sr. John Gayer and if Sr. Nicholas Wait shall be restrained at Surat, and not be able to goe up to Bombay, then Mr. John Burniston the present Deputy Governour of Bombay to be Gencrall &ca.

The 23d. Instant to our great surprize Mr. Wm. Mildmay Secry. of the Old ffactory informed Sr. Nicholas Wait before us, Sr. John Gayer determined, sending some of their ffactory to acquaint the Govr. the Establishmt. made for this side India, desired Sr. Nicholas Wait would send some persons whom he thought Convenient with those sent by him Sr. Nicholas Wait told Mr. Mildmay he beleived 'twas unecessary, and unsafe informing the Govr. what Establishment the Managers had made at Bombay &ca. unto which sd. Mildmay replyed, he delivered only the Message he was ordered by Sr. John Gayer unto whom wee sent our Present Secretary Mr. Edmd. Crow to tell him Sr. Nicholas Wait could not send persons conjunctively, but separate if required by the Governour, that sent a Messenger the 26th. Do. desiring Sr. Nicholas Wait would send some persons of our ffactory imediately to answer Severall matters asserted by Sr. John Gayer, what past that day you have verbatim as follows,

" Wee Jeremy Bonnell & Edmd. Crow persuant to an order of Council the 24th. " Instant upon a message delivered by Mr. Wm. Mildmay Secry. to the old ffactory, " before the Council to Sr. Nicholas Wait, that the Honoble. Sr. John Grayer deter- " mined sending some of their ffactory to acquaint the Govr. the Establishmt. made " for this side India, desired Sr. Nicholas Wait would send some persons whom he " thought convenient with those sent by him Sr. Nicholas Wait told sd. Mr. Mildmay " he beleived 'twas unnecessary and unsafe, informing the Govr. what establishment " the Manager had made at Bombay &ca. unto which Mr. Mildmay replyed he deli- " vered only the Message he was ordered by Sr. John Gayer,

" Was then unanimously resolved in Council that Mr. Edmd. Crow Secry. at 4 a " clock as he did, wait on Sr. John Gayer, and acquaint him, Sr. Nicholas Wait could " not send persons conjunctively, but seperate, if desired by the Govr.

" And the 26th. Instant about noon the Governour sending to Sr. Nicholas " Wait, desireing some persons of our ffactory might goe imediately, to answer " severall matters asserted by Sr. John Gayer, wee went to the Govr. where wee " found Mr. Mildmay Secry. and Mr. John Branquin Steward, carrying with us the " Deed of Union the 7th. & 47th. Par. of the United Managers Letter dated the 4th. " June 1703 for our Governmt. as likewise the Compas. Small Seal, if there should " be occasion compareing it with the Seal that Sealed ye. said united Managers " Letters, for evinceing the Govr. Officers that the English Company only had the " Trade of India granted to them, and the Old Company Ceased & determined both " Conjuctively make up a New Stock for carrying on said Trade, each being obliged " to pay their own Debts, and the United Trade not to be Sufferers by either of " the others,

" The Govern r. upon our comeing thither going to his Prayers, this day fryday " being their day of Worship, wee returned home to the ffactory leaveing the Duan " or Secry. that askt the sd. Old Companys People, two or three questions, repeating " the same to Mr. Bonnel, that said he would make no answer the Govr. not being " there, then the Duan directed sd. Gentlemn. of the Old ffactory, and us, to attend " the Govr. in the Evening.

"And about Six a Clock a Messenger came from the Govr. for us Jeremy "Bonnell and Edm^d^. Crow, that accordingly went, and wth. in a quarter of an hour "after wee came to his house, appeared M^r^. W^m^. Mildmay & M^r^. John Branguin "whom the Duan or Sec^ry^. by the Gov^rs^. order askt what Ships was those arrived at "Bombay, who was Generall and of what place, and who was to stay at Surat, unto "which P. M^r^. Mildmay, answered by their Companys broker Venwallidash, the "Ships belonged to the United Company, that S^r^. John Gayer was appointed Gene-"rall at Bombay, and S^r^. Nicholas Wait to stay at Surat which questions being "severally put to M^r^. Bonnell by the Duan s^d^. Bonnell replyed by Rustum our Broker, "that the Ship arrived at Bombay belonged to the English Company, and S^r^. John "Gayer, was appointed Generall of Bombay, if could goe up thither in three months, "and S^r^. Nicholas Wait President at Surat, but If S^r^. John Gayer, could not go to "Bombay in 3 mo^ths^. then S^r^. Nicholas Wait to be Generall, unto all which last M^r^. "Mildmay Agreed & owned was true.

"Then the Duan askt M^r^. Bonnell if S^r^. John Gayer went Down to be Generall "of Bombay, whither our ffactory would be then Obliged seeing all the Debts & "demands upon the old ffactory satisfyed, and paid, unto which M^r^. Bonnell replyed "our ffactory would not be obliged seeing paid, any Debts of the Old ffactory each "Company being to pay their own Debts, and not the English Company to pay "theirs, or theirs our Debts.

"The the Sec^ry^. or Duan askt M^r^. Mildmay what persons S^r^. John Gayer wo^d^. "then Leave, Sattisfying and paying what their Company owed, M^r^. Mildmay said "no doubt S^r^. John would leave persons sufficient.

"Then Duan or Sec^ry^. then askt both said Gentlemen of the Old Factory, and "us, by w^t^. name or title the Company now was called, M^r^. Mildmay informed the "Companys, were United and their Affairs managed by twelve chosen out of each "Company, the Duan replyed, he was made sensible, and beleived that to be true, "insisting by what name they was called, askt then M^r^. Bonnell who told him by "Rustum, produceing the Deed of Union that there name was not altered but still "the English Company at which M^r^. Mildmay was Angry, M^r^. Bonnell showed then "our small seal now used, and no other by the present English Company, the Duan "then asking said Mildmay whether that said seal belonged not to the English "Company, and the Letter S^r^. John Gayer now rec̃d was not Sealed with that Seal, "wch. said M^r^. Mildmay at first Hissitated, then said he was sure 'twas not the Old "Companys Seal, at last owned it the new or English Companys Seal, and the same "like seal the Letters now rec̃d by S^r^. John Gayer came sealed with, all which being "likewise taken in writeing by the Duan and Officers, belonging to the Vocanavis, "& Harcarro, the Duan then rose up, and repeated to the Govr. the severall parti-"culars of said examination,

"The Govr. afterwards askt M^r^. Mildmay & Brangwin the same questions before "taken, and repeated by the Duan or Sec^ry^. then the same to us, each broker telling "the Govr. w^t^. they had said, to the Duan or Sec^ry^. Rustumjee adding that many "of the servants of the Old Company, was ordered to be taken into the Service of "the English Company, pursuant to their orders,

"Then the Govern^r^. askt M^r^. Bonnell if S^r^. John Gayer went down to Bombay "whether our ffactory wo^d^. pay the Debts, & demands that was upon S^r^. John Gayer, "and the Old ffactory, Mr Bonnell said noe the Govo^r^. then askt Venwallidash their "Broker, if he would be their Security, replyed they was in the Citty of which he "was Govr. denyed, and said he would not be their security, the Govr. answer'd he "knew that he was Governour, if he the said Venwallidash would verbally say he "would be their Security, they could not goe out of the Citty without his leave, said "Venwallidash declared he would not be their Security, then the Govr. told s^d^. "Gentlemen, he must order Chokeys or guards on their ffactory, upon which M^r^. "Jno. Brangwin hastily told the Govr. that what occasion was their putting Chokeys "or Guards upon them, when they would see discharged all Just Debts they owed, "Benwallidash, softly telling the Duan (as Rustum informed, and desired said "Gentlemen and us takeing notice) that the old ffactory was greatly Indebted both

"to him, and his Uncles, pressing the Duan that Chokeys or Guards might be sent "upon them, is to the best of our Judgements, and consciences truth, and what "occurred in the aforesaid Examination, before the Govr. his Duan &c^a. Surat May "y^e. 26th. 1704.

JEREMIAH BONNER.
EDMUND CROWE.

Wee have not yet been otherwise concerned, then naturally preserving liberty, heartily contributing all that we can answering the deeds of union, plain and Possitive directions of both Companys, conjunctively makeing the Court of Mannagers for the United Trade, of the Honble. English Company.

Wee have not as yett received others European news then a Confirmation the King of Portugall before these Ships sailed, was come into the grand Allyance with the Emperour, England, Holland, &c^a. against ffrance and Spain,

What Pacquets or Letters may come this way, for any persons on your Side, shall be carefully and im̃ediately forwarded, and the like kindness will not doubt to

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

SURATT MAY Y^E. 31ST. 1704

N. WAITE.
W_M. PROBY.
JEREM^H. BONNELL.
Junr.

R^T. HONO^BLE.

VIZAPORE.

S^R.

No. 47 Recd 25th. July 1704 I received your Hono^rs. Letter dated Aprill the 6th. 1702, which I am very sory that I had no opportunity to send your Hono^r. an answer before for it was 7 mo^ths. after your Letter was written that I rec̃d it for the Servant told mee that he had been a long time Sick upon the road & before I rec̃d your Letter the Generall & the Princess that was left in Brampore, were all risen up and gone before that I rec̃d your Letter, and the said Embassadour of the New Company S^r. W^m. Norris, was very near in England by that time, but indeed he looked neither upon Cost, trouble nor Charge, but did all that ever he could to ruin the Old Company if it had been in his power to have done it but althô he had a farnam (*sic*) to settle ffactorys in any priviledge place in the Moors Country, yet he had no order to harm or Molest the Old Comp^a. in any of their fforts or particular places, for the King would by no means give ear to it, and if it had not been for that Generall then was then left in Brampore his name is Gas De Can his father to this that now is Governour here in Vizipore, whose name is Killis Can, & it Cost him a great deal of mony elce he never had that but I thought to have given you a more particular Account, but that the king is gone as far now from us as it is from here to Madrass, he is now by a place they call Condan it is near towards Bombay, for my abode has been here in this Citty of Vizipore, about this 11 or 12 Years So that I cannot gett Leave to goe so farr, but when the King was in Brampore, I could goe every now and then for it was but a days Journy, and now our Governour is gone out to fight wth. a Pulligar that has revolted that Lyes near Goa, and has carryed Guns along with him, and all my brothers that is here are gone along with him, So that here is no more Christians left but I alone at present, but this Passenger passing by here I thought fitt to send your Hono^r. these few Lines but not knowing whether they may come to your hand or not, but I hope within 2 or 3 months to send a Servant thither with a more particular acc^t. of all passages that passes here, and

I give your Hono^r. most humble & hearty thanks, [both] for the favour you shewed my Servant and for the answer you sent mee, and as for any news or any passages concerning either of the Comp^as. I shall not be negligent to send you news for wee expect the kings comeing here shortly, so no more at present but rest

June y^e. 12th. Āno Dom 1704

Your Hono^r. most humble &

Obedient Servant.

Andrew Hamilton.

No. 48.

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort S^t.
George &c^a. Council.

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Upon the 19th. of June wee received your Letter dated April y^e. 30th. & May y^e. 15th. togather wth. your Pacq^ts. for Surat wch. wee forwarded to Callicut upon the 21st. & hope they will arrive safely & speedily with y^e. Generall &c^a. thô many of our overland Letters last rains miscarried between Carwarr & Surat. Recd 27th. July 1704 Pattamar

Wee are very glad to understand that the Howland is in safety, and haveing noe news at present to communicate wee enlarge noe further then to Subscribe our selves

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Anjengo
July y^e. 3^d. 1703.

Your most humble and
most Obedient Servants

John Brabou[rne].
Simon [Cowse].
W^m. [Kyffin].

No. 49.

[To The] Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
and Governour &c^a. Councill of fort S^t. [George]

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Wee herewith remitt you a Generall Letter from Cap^tn. John Lestly by which you will understand that the Ship Neptune bound for Madrass was unfortunately lost upon the 21st. of June at night near Cape Comorine, that the People all except one are saved, that the Hull in a few ours time was broken & parted, that great part of the Bales, and other light wares, were flung ashore by the Sea, & carryed within Land by the Natives, that the treasure (being 30 Chests of Silver & one of Gold besides what belonged to particular men) was stowed upon the Ceiling on each side of the (Kelson) that the Cap^tn. and his officers are of opinion, [that] all the treasure or at least so much of it as was stowed upon the Starboard Side of the Kelson [remain] still in or upon the bottom of the Ship, that the bottom of the Ship lyes so near the shoar (that [is] to say within 25 or 30 Years) that in our opinion the Sea will retire, and leave it covered with [sand] as soon as the Westwardly monsoon is over which will be in Sep^br. or october, All this your Hono^r. &c^a. will understand more particularly by the Cap^tns. advices, [. . . .] 1704 [. . .]

This Country from Quylone to [the] Cape, acknowledges the Soveraintv, or rather Superiority of the Queen of Attinga, & is devided [into] three provinces called Travencore, Attinga, & Barca[ta] of which Travancore is the Southermost Attinga in the middle, & Barcata to the Northward, each province has a peculiar & independant regiment & thô the great men honour the Queen very much [. . .] they obey her but when they please [but not when it] is against their Interest.

By immemorial [customs the wrecks] upon this Coast belongs to the natives, [but they] themselves have been known to submitt to [. . . . .] Law, when the wreck was of no very great [. . . .] it be not known what they would do in [. . . .] a Loss as this, of which there has been hither [. . . .]

But by written Covenants wth. [the Queen of] Attinga, she is to restore the half of English [wreck to the] Compa. Yet wee know very well that she and all [. . . .] of this Governmt. are so unjust, & so extreamly [. . . .] that there is no recovering any thing of vallue, [out of their] hands by fair means,

This Ship was wreckt in the [province of] Travencore, where there ought to be a king created and [. . .] by the Queen of Attinga, but at present there is none [.] great men or Poolas are divideing among themselves [. .] was saved, & are likely to fall out about it,

The Natives are not as yet able to co[llect] the treasure, but if they should get it into their [hands then] it could never be recovered but by force of Armes.

If it continues in the bottom of [the ship] & the Sea in the fair weather season retires so far as to leave it in the sand, the natives will never Consent [with us] that we should digg for it,

In the first case that is if the treasure should fall into the Natives hands (which wee think not very probable) then wee propose wth. 500 men European and part Topazes, if so great a strength by any means be obtained, to land and over run the Country with fire and sword, & so to reover the Treasure and the bales,

But in the second case, that is [. . .] if the mony remain in the bottom of the [Ship] (which we beleive most likely) then wee propose with 150 or 2000 Soldiers to land at Mannacorce, strengthen the place wth. 3 or 4 Guns, & then to work & digg for the money,

Wee have in Garrison about 100 Men of which but 25 are Europeans the Neptunes Ships Compa. affords 40 Good men, wch. the Captn. & wee will by one means or other keep togather, till wee receive an answer from you, in all 140 Men, of which only 70 can be spared out of the ffort to goe upon any expedition,

So if our design be only to digg for the treasure a reinforcement of about 100 Soldiers will Suffice & a vessell of about 100 Tons, wth. some quantity of Salted provisions,

In the mean while as soon as the weather clears up, & the Sea begins to abate, & before it can retire, Wee will employ these 70 Men in Manchues, or boats to beat away the Natives, if they come to digg for the treasure.

Wee have hardly small armese now, for our Garrison Soldiers, & those old & very much worn, & not to be depended upon, therefore wee must be supplyed, wth. as many good armes, as are necessary to arm all the Soldiers employed in this expedition.

In a matter so doubtfull as this is it would be a vanity to be possitive, all therefore that we can say is, that wee think it very probable, the mony will be found in the sand, & that wee are very willing with 150 or rather wth. 200 soldiers to hazard our lives in the Compas. Service, & in search of it,

When any thing farther happens about this wreck worthy your notice Wee shall be dilligent in adviseing you of it, & to morrow or next day Wee shall forward a Copy of this Letter to Bombay,

Wee desire to be informed of the Sentimts. of your Honor. &ca. upon this Affair as soon as possible, and hope to receive them by the middle of August,

The Compas. Pacquets came ashore and are in the hands of the Natives from whom wee have ordered Mr. Cowse to recover them if possible,

Haveing upon another occasion made a Chart or Map of this Country to send to the Honoble. Company, wee enclose a Copy of it, wherein you'l see Manacoree marked, the place where the Neptune was lost.

Wee enclose a Letter which M^r^. Cowse sent to the Comodore, and his answer to it, wee are

HONO^BLE^ S^R^ &C^A^.

Your most faithfull humble Servants

ANJENGO
JULY Y^E^. 1ST. 1704

JOHN BRABOURN.
W^M^. KYFFIN.

No. 50.

M^R^. COWSE'S LETTER TO M^R^. BRABOURN,

WORP^LL^. S^R^.

Wee arrived yesterday in the evening at this place, where had notice that the Country People had carried away all the goods that came on Shore from the wreck, and that the two Poolas, to whom these parts belong Remain still at the sea Side to pick up what comes ashore and that [they] the sett guards out about 2 miles on each side of [the] Place the Ship came ashore at, to keep any [body] from carrying away anything, Yesterday [there] came ashore a peice of the Ship with 2 or [3] Cabins, in which they found severall Armes, and some quantity of Loose mony, but cannot understand as yett that they found any of the treasure, they have gott 2 Guns, and 2 Anchors also, the wreck lays close ashore, but the Sea Continually beating upon it, they are not able to doe any thing, but as it breaks to peices they haul it up 'tis reported they have got 200 bales of goods, ashore which are all caried up to Cacouloo, and so is every thing elce that is come ashoar, Except hatts, Shooes, Cloths, Wine &c^a^. are sold up and down the Country for little or nothing the Dutch at Cotato buy up all they can gett, Recd 29th. July ℣ Pattamar.

I am of Opinion it is necessary to goe up to Cacoulao to see if it is possible to put a stop to the proceedings of the two Poolas, before they come at the treasure, for the rest of the Madambees do not like their proceedings, and as I am informed are going togather by the Ears about the Goods, they alledging that all wrecks belong to the King but since they have none, it ought to be equally divided among them all, which the 2 Poolas will not agree to, so that they have alrerdy begun to fall out about it, all the Rajadores & Merchants of note at Tengapatam, & Colletche, offered to accompany us to vissit the Maddambees, and would have come along with us now, but wee told them that when wee went, if they would come, wee should be very glad, which they have promised they will, so that imediately upon receiveing your Worp^s^ orders shall make all the hast I can there, Herewith send some Letters for his Hono^r^. Pitt, which I gott by the way I shall doe my utmost Endeavours to get all the Letters, & papers I can possible and forward them to your Worship, I have sent to Caukum feremall to see if he can gett the boxies with the Packets this being the needfull at present I remain

WORP^LL^: S^R^.

CARRIAPATAM JUNE Y^E^. 28TH. 1704

Your Worshp^s^. most humble Servant.

SIMON COWSE.

None of our people can goe where the wreck is, to see what they are a doing because of the Strict watch that is kept besides they have notice of our arrivall, and there goes a Rumour that wee are come with a great force to demand the goods which has put them into no small Consternation,

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No. 51.

Mr. Brabourns Letter to. Mr. Cowse,

Mr. Cowse,

Sr.

Recd 29th. July 1704 ℘ Pattamar- I recd just now your Letter dated the 28th. Currt. and beleive you will do well to goe to the Madambees as you Intimate & to declare to them that half the wreck by Contract with the old Queen &ca. belongs to us, but I do not expect they will ever restore any thing of Vallue by fair means,

My great hope is, that the treasure lyes so near the shore that when the Sea retires, it may remain in the sand, in wch. case with a Competent force, Wee may goe and dig for it, and therefore I should be glad that you could gett from the Padrees that dwell about Manacoree information how far the Sea goes back in the Summer, by what I can understand it is not likely the Natives can gett the treasure dureing the Westerly Monsoon and before the Sea retires.

I hope you will gett the Pacquetts & if you think your staying there will be any ways usefull you may continue there or come back as you See fitt. pray present my service to the Padre Rectore and tell him that I am so sencible of his favour and kindness to my destressed Country folk, that I would gladly spend my whole life to serve him, or any of his order, If you come away you must Contrive by means of the Padres, or some other way, to gett sure and Constant Intelligence of all that passes fitt for our knowledge, all that can dureing the Westerly Monsoon be done, is to know certainly what is come ashore, in whose hands it is, how farr the Sea will retire &ca. that wee may know what to do When the monsoon Changes I am

Sr.

June ye. 30th. 1704

Yours,

I desire you to enquire of the Padre Rectore Whether wee by means of the Padrees might gett about 200 Topazes at Cochin & Quilone, If we should have occasion to enter that Country, you may also intimate that if wee find it worth the while to undertake an Expedition against that Country, I shall not be wanting to do what I can to procure satisfaction for the Injuryes the Padres have sustained.

No. 52.

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.

Govr. of ffort St. George &ca. Councill for the Affairs of the Rt. Honoble. the United Compa tradeing to the East Indies.

Srs.

Recd 29th. July 1704 ℘ Pattamar. Haveing had the misfortune to loose the Ship Neptune on the 21st. Instant at Manacoree near Cape Comorine after a Passage of 4 moths. 8 days from Portsmouth the particulars of all which, & the state the wreck now is in, is humbly represented as follows,

Febry. ye. 13th. 170¾ weighed from Portsmouth in Company with the fleet Comanded by Sr. George Rooke, on board whom was the King of Spain togather with 7 of the United Companys Ships for India and China whose names and where bound are Inclosed, After 2 days wee were Seperated by a Storme, but joined again 3 days after all save the Hetherstone, who it was feared was taken by the french on the 18th. Lost Company again, with all the East India men save the Herne and Loyall Merchant with which kept Company, till crost the line, and then left the

Loyall Merchant whose Capt^{tn}. and people were in health, in about 25^{d}. S^{o}. lost Company with the Herne, whose Capt^{tn}. & people were also in health, On the 13th. May made Cape Bon Esperance, and about the 10th. June crost the Line from whence mett with Dark Stormy weather for the most part till near the Latt^{d}. of the Island of Ceyloue, where observing the variation found but 5 degrees, however the weather continuing wth. rain & Gusts of wind, thô, by said observation was almost assured that I was to the E^{t}.ward of the Island, yet rather chooseing to loose my passage to ffort S^{t}. George then run any hazard of being imbayed in Tutacareen Bay, I steered E^{t}. at least 30 leagues, & then observed the variation to be but 4^{d}. 40^{m} as ℘ inclosed attestation thereof more particularly appears, this giveing mee full satisfaction, both from my own experience, & the observations, of severall Comd^{rs}. that I was to the E^{t}.ward of s^{d}. Island, I hauled close upon a wind, not expecting to fetch to the Southward of Vizagapatam, On wednesday even y^{e}. 21st. June, being then in Latt^{d}. of 8^{d}. N^{o}. kept a good Look out at Mast head, but co^{d}. see no Land, at one in the morning (oh unfortunate hour) the Ship first struck, soon after saw the Land, about 2 a Clock the Ship sunck & thereby disabled us from saveing any arms, whereby to defend the wreck or our selves, at 4 a Clock severall men swam ashore, at day light by providence wee were all saved except one man, who was drowned,

About 9 a clock in the morning the Ship parted, and severall at least 25 bales of goods came on shore, which were taken up by the Natives who were an armed mutitude of at least 2000 who would not suffer us, to touch any thing, but on the Contrary stript severall of our people even to their Skins, The Hono^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Pacquetts also came on shore and were carryed up into the Country togather, with the Cloth, which they devided into three parts,

The remaining part of the Ship at my leaving Manacoree was within 20 yards of the Shore, in which I really beleive is ½ of the Silver, & one Chest of Gold, my resson for it is that when the Ship grounded, she healed off, her Starboard side being next the shore, where the ½ of the treasure and one Chest of Gold were stowed, close down to the Kelson nor do I think that on the Larboard side went out of the Ship, but also remains, for when the Larboard side parted it could be no lower then the floor timber heads, for if it had the Keel & Kelson must have been broke, and the wast of the starboard side togather with the Guns & people must of necessity have fallen in, but on the Contra all remained whole till the height of the tide, when the Sea drove out the Starboard side, as lowe as the flower timber heads both decks being gone before so that the entire part of the Ships as high as the floor timber heads in wch. undoubtedly lyes the treasure, Guns, Lead Anchors, Cables, and everything of weight is still whole & will remain so, for the Sea since the upper work is gone, can have no power to seperate it,

The only thing therefore that can be an impediment to the gaining if not all yett most part of the treasure is the Looseness of the sand, and the fear the water in the dry Season should not ebb from it, but the discription his Worship Brabourne gives of the Seas declension seems to me a full answer to the Latter, & the entireness of the Ships bottom, will undoubtedly keep the treasure from being deep buried or sunck further then now it is, so that what sand may be Lodged over it, will easily be removed,

This is what acco^{t}. I can give your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. wherein if any probability appears to you of its recovery, or part thereof that may countervail the charge I with my people will not fail to hazard our lives in the pursuite thereof, or to Execute what Comands I shall receive from you, in Expectation of which I remain

Anjengo y^{e}. 30th June 1704.

Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. Councill most hum^{ble}. and obedient Servant

John Lestly.

The treasure on board the Neptune was 30 Chests of Silver & One Chest of Gold supposed to be abo^{t}. £ 5000 value.

No. 53.

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Hono^ble^. English
Company tradeing to the East in their United
Trade & Govr. Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council
at Madrass,

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

Recd 30th July 1703 ℣ Pattamar. Our last to you was the 25th. of the past month, by Ship Charleton since wch. wee have recd none from you,

On the 15th. Instant the Josia arrived Bombay, She left the Abington at Callicut, both Ships being for account of the United trade, the Latter being not yet arrived Bombay, wee are apt to think she will winter at Carwarr, the formers Invoice amo^ts^. to £ forty thousand one hundred & three, eight shill^s^. and five pence,

The Inclosed copyes of severall clauses of the Honble. Managers Letters to S^r^. John Gayer and his Council, & S^r^. Nicholas Wait and his Council will inform you of the Settlm^t^. of both Companys Servants at Bombay and this place, no alteration is made in Persia nor on the Coast, & whether there shall be any made or not is left to the discretion of the Gen^ll^. and his Council, but who it is that will have that title, of Generall is not known, but by the Enclosed papers you will observe that S^r^. Nicholas Wait is resolved to secure it to himself and to purchase our Old Masters & our ruin at all hazards, on all which wee shall make no further reflections, but leave every one to judge according to the matter of fact,

On the 19th. & 22^d^. Instant her Majestys Ships Severne & Scarborough arrived at Bombay, they have been at Madagascar, Johanna, & Mohilla, but mett with no Pyrates, at the latter Island, their people contracted great sickness of wch. Captn. Richards Comander of the Severne wth. his Cap^tn^. Leiutenaut & 60 or 70 of his men dyed, & the Cap^tn^. & Cap^tn^. Lieutenant & seventeen of the Scarboroughs men are dead, how long they are to stay in India wee don't yett hear, but are of opinion till next ffeb^ry^.

They were ordered to touch at S^t^. Mary's near Madagascar at Sundry ports on Madagascar at Johanna, & Mochilla, & from thence to have gone to have Convoyed the Moco ffleet from thence to this Port, and after one was to have cruized between Callicut & Zeilone & the other to have proceeded to Mallacca to have cruized for Pirates there, & to have Convoyed the China Ships from thence to Madrass & this Port, but they came to Late out of England to execute what was intended as soon as wee know how they design to proceed after the rains wee will advise you if wee are at liberty so to do,

The Josia & Abington came out of England in July what day wee know not, all the news wee have of Europe by the Josia is enclosed our Masters have not wrote us any thing of Publick news,

Wee have no news from Persia, but of the arrival of the Howland at Gombroon, thô wee have Letters from thence dated the 2^d^. Instant,

The regard wee hope ere this time is sailed for England, wee being advised from Bombay that she would be Laden the 25th. Instant, her Cargoe will not wee think amo^t^. to above one hundred and thirty thousand Rupees, wee not being able to gett any fine goods down time enough after the port was open for her,

The New Comp^as^. Ship Mary sailed from hence on freight to Gombroon abo^t^. the 22^d^. of the past month, & the Catherine abo^t^. y^e^. 25th. for China,

Wee are again be girt with guards by whose means procured you will observe by the Inclosed Papers, at present wee are allowed provisions & Servants wch. is all

wee can call to mind that wee have to advise you off, Our Letter enclosed for the Rt. Honoble. Compa we desire you will forward by the first ship that goeth for England after it arrives you.

Surat May Ye. 31st. 1704 Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Your very humble Servants,

Sr. Wm. Norris, Captn. Raynes, & Captn. Simons, dyed in their passage home, The Martha & Hearn imported England in April haveing been at Barbadoes, wth. the other new Compas. and private Ships, In one of the Compas. Letters to us of the 4th. June 1703 it is wrote, the Loyall Cook is arrived at Milford Haven from ffort St. George.

John Gayer.
Stephen Colt.
E. Bendall.
B. Wyche

No. 54.

The Depositions of Mr. Wm. Mildmay
and Mr. John Brangwin
Suratt ye. 26th. May 1704

The Govr. haveing severall times sent to the Generall to send two persons to acquaint him of this new settlemt. between the two Companys, wee sent Wm. Mildmay to answer to such questions as should be ask'd him by the Govr. & with him wee sent Mr. John Brangwin that he might relate what passed in Moors, & Venwallidash our Cheif Broker, at their return they gave the following depositions, Recd 30th July 1703 ℔ Pattamar.

This day about 12 a Clock wee were ordered by the Generall Presidt. Council to go to the Govrs. house, & answer to such questions as shod. there be put to us, relating to the Settlemt of the United Trade, according to the Instruction given William Mildmay & the Broker by them,

Accordingly wee went, and was seated in a Publick place wth. the Duan (the Govr. being in his private appartment) who at first comeing askt us severall indifferent Questions, and dispatcht severall persons to call the new Comp . people, after some time Mr. Jere'. Bonnell & Mr Edmd. Crowe came, just as the Governour was coming out of his appartmt. to go to prayers, who in the Yard askt which was the New Compas. people & wch. was the Old, then bid the Duan sit down & examine into the papers & business wee came about Wm. Mildmay bid Venwallidash ask the Duan, what the Govr. sent for us for, who answered to ask who that ship belonged to yt. was lately arrived at Bombay. Wm. Mildmay said it belonged to the United Trade of both Compas. then who was Chief & Genll. 'twas answered Sr. John Gayer, then who was Presidt. of Surat, 'twas answered Sr. Nico.Wait, then the Duan turned to Mr. Bonnel & Rustum their Broker, & ask'd them what they had to say Mr. Bonnell said he was come there to talk wth the Govr. not to the Duan, then the Duan asked us if wee had brot. the papers from the Compa. to prove Sr. John Gayer was Generall &ca. Wm. Mildway said wee had brot. no papers, neither wod. wee ever show our Masters orders to them, & since Mr. Bonnel &ca. wod. not answer to his Questions, wee wod. not answer to any more neither & desired liberty to goe home wch. after some time was granted upon promise that we wod. come again at 5 a Clock if sent for,

In the evening we were sent for again by the Govr. where we found Messrs. Bonnel & Crowe discoursing wth. ye. Duan, so soon as wee came ye. Duan askd us again who yt. Ship belonged to that was arrived at Bombay, wee answered wee had told him before to the United Trade of both Compas. then who was General & Chief, answd. Sr. Jno. Gayer was Generall & ordered to reside at Bombay, who was Presidt. at Surat, then answerd Sr. Nico.Wait Mr. Bonnel in Portuguez bid Rustum tell the Duan Sr. John Gayer was General, but it was but for three months, and if he did not clear all the Demands that was upon the old Compa. in that time Sr. Nicholas Wait was Generall and must go down to Bombay, Wm. Mildmay was

askt if that was true, he answered that if it pleased God S^{r}. John sho^{d}. dye or any unforeseen accident sho^{d}. happen to him in that time so that he co^{d}. not go to Bombay then S^{r}. Nicholas Wait was Generall, but as to clearing all the Old Companys acco^{ts} &c^{a}. before he went there was no occasion, for there wo^{d}. be those of the Old Comp^{as}. Servants left, that would take care to pay what any one co^{d}. justly demand of them, then the Duan askt if neither of them could go, who was General then, wee said his wōrsp Burniston the present Deputy Governour, wee desired to know upon w^{t}. occasion all these questions was askt us, to wch no answer was given, but M^{r}. Bonnell puilled out of his packet the Hono^{ble}. English Comp^{as}. Seal & laid it before all the Comp^{as}. & askt if W^{m}. Mildmay co^{d}. deny that to be the Comp^{as}. Seal & whether the Letters that now came was not sealed with it, W^{m}. Mildmay s^{d}. he could not deny, but that it was, & the Letters were sealed wth. it, as by agreem^{t}. between the two Comp^{as}. in England, when they United then M^{r}. Bonnel opened the Indenture of Union in a page turned down clapt his hand upon it & asked if wee could deny the Old Comp^{as}. being turned out, and the Trade bro^{t}. under the Mañagement of New which that and the Seal testified, W^{m}. Mildmay s^{d}. he could not deny any thing Contained in those writeings, neither had he any orders to answer to such questions, & asked the Gentlemen the reason of their bringing these things upon the Stage at this time, wee had been sufficiently deprest already had they a mind to bury us quite under ground, M^{r}. Bonnel s^{d}. he followed his orders, wee might follow ours, & M^{r}. Crowe made answer you may thank yourselves for it, all this comes upon you through y^{e}. Message that was sent by S^{r}. John to S^{r}. Nicholas, that he designed to acquaint y^{e}. Govr. of the Settlem^{t}. Venwallidash told W^{m}. Mildmay y^{e}. Duan askt If S^{r}. John went away, who was there left so great as to give answer for w^{t}. demands might come upon the Old Company W^{m}. Mildmay said he knew well enough there was sufficient to sattisfie all just Debts y^{t}. any one had upon us, therefore w^{t}. matter who was left, he might give the Duan w^{t}. answer he pleased those there would be left that wo^{d}. take care that none sho^{d}. be sufferers on the Old Comp^{as}. acco^{t}.

Then we were all carryed before the Govr. before whom wee were asked who was Gen^{ll}. & who President &c^{a}. to wch. wee answered as before, the Seal was again shown to the Govr. w^{t}. elce passed there was in Moors wch. W^{m}. Mildmay did not understand therefore John Brangwin gives a deposition apart but Usher beeg, was ordered to put a guard upon the General Wenwalley refuseing to be his Security) and came home with us in the Coach to see it done & ordered fifty men to follow him to the Factory to this wee can make oath,

WILL^{M}. MILDMAY.
Sec^{ry}.

JN^{O}. BRANGWIN.
Junr. Fact^{r}.

SURAT THE 26TH. MAY 1704.

No. 55.

Recd 30TH July 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

THE DEPOSITION OF JOHN BRANGWIN OF WHAT WAS SPOKE IN MOORS THE TWO TIMES HE WENT WTH. M^{R}. W^{M}. MILDMAY TO THE GOV^{R}. WHICH SAID W^{M}. MILDMAY DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

Rustum y^{e}. New Comp^{as}. Broker told the Duan after M^{r}. Mildmay had answered what questions was askt him, that he co^{d}. not answer any M^{r}. Bonnell haveing orders from his Master to answer no one but the Governour,

Rustum told the Duan 'twas the New Comp^{a}. was settled, & to prove it M^{r}. Bonnell took out a printed paper folded down, and a Seal Rustum haveing that was his Masters seal that came on y[e] Letters.

Rustum told the Duan that S^{r}. John Gayer was Generall but for three months, in wch. time if he did not clear all the demands on the Old Comp^{a}. then S^{r}. Nicholas Wait was generall the Duan demand Security for S^{r}. John Gayers person of

Venwallidash the Old Comp^{as}. Broker who answered he co^{d}. give none then 'twas asked of M^{r}. Bonnell & Rustum, who answered he was in their Citty, & they must look and see themselves Satisfied,

Rustum told the Duan if S^{r}. John Gayer went away, who sho^{d}. be left to sattisfie the Debts a Messure,

Rustum told the Govr. that the Old Company was turned out the New haveing bought all their ffforts ffactorys &c^{a}. and that S^{r}. Nic^{o}. Wait was to be Generall after three months time, on wch. M^{r}. Bonnell took out the New Comp^{as}. Seal, wch. was delivered the Govr. & guards sent for to be sett on S^{r}. John Gayer, if the broker wo^{d}. not give Security wch. he denyed,

Usher Beag who Comanded y^{e}. Guards came to the ffactory in the Coach wth. us and told mee that Rustum y^{e}. New Comp^{as}. broker was the occasion of our being bro^{t}. before the Govern^{r}. he haveing acquainted him how matters stood before wee came, to this I can make oath.

JOHN BRANGWIN
Senr. ffactor.

No. 56.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, ON THE COAST OF
CHORMANDELL, AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT
S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Wee have rec̃d your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. of the 24th. & 27th. past month, The former of which directing us to send a Sufficient Number of Peons to Conimeer to meet yours under whose Charge you had sent us, Pag^{s}. six Thousand, Pursuant to said order wee sent hence Twenty Peons, who yesterday returned in safety with the money meeting wth. no hindrance from the Juncanneers in the way, As soon as you are pleased to send us the other Six Thousand pagodas, wee shall take care upon your advice to send Peons to meet them, to conduct it hither in safety, Recd 7th. Augt. 1704. ℣ Pattamar.

According to your order we have [dd] the Persons of Peddy Chittee, Pattawondy Chittee, Nagapah, & Wydeapah, into the Custody of Kisnahrauze, wth. orders to deliver them to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. which wth. our due respects is the needfull from,

FORT S^{T}. DAVID.
AUGUST Y^{E}. P^{MO}. 1704.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most humble Servants
GAB^{L}. ROBERTS.
EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE.
VICES^{S}. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 57.

To the Hono^{ble} Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a} Council,

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}

Recd 12th. Augst. 1704 ℘ Pattamar. By a Pattamar of M^{r}. Brabourns lately returned from Madrass wee understand that severall Indian Princes between you and us, are at wars among themselves, & make the Roads dangerous, and Doubtfull, wherefore wee think it necessary to send you Coppyes of our last abo^{t}. the Neptune for fear of miscarriage,

M^{r}. Cowse who upon y^{t}. occasion wee sent to y^{e}. southw^{d}. is returned, by whom we understand that the Poolas, upon whose Land y^{e}. Neptune was wrecked, refuse possitively to restore us a Moiety of what was saved, & to abide by y^{e}. Covenant wee made wth. ye Queen of Attinga touching wrecks, The Neptunes bottom lyes in about seven, or at ye most Eight feet water, The ends of her ribbs appear above water, ye natives have endeavoured to haul the wreck ashore but can't & they have put divers to work who can effect nothing because the Sea is so rough, some of the Natives think & say the place where the wreck lyes, will be quite dry in the fair weather Monsoon, but others beleive there will be always 3 or 4 feet water in y^{t} place,

Wee take it for certain that your Hono^{r}. &c^{a} will use your endeavours to recover & Save ye Treasure, in order to wch. it is necessary to send at least 100 sold^{rs}. besides their officers, 200 fire lock Musquets, or rather Buccaneir peices, if you have them, 12 or 14 blunderbusses, 200 Bagonets, 200 Cartouch boxes, 50 Granado powches, & a Competent quantity of Salted provisions,

If you have any person skilfull or practiced in fishing, upon wrecks, & makeing Instruments fitt to lay hold of and raise suncken things it will be necessary to send him, for the bottom of the Ship lyes in 7 or 8 feet water, wherefore if in the fair Season there be 3 or 4 feet water in that place, then the wreck will be covered wth. 3 or 4 feet of sand, which wee imagine will be difficult to remove, there are a sort of Long spikes made of Iron 10 or 12 feet long, one end of wch. is made into a scrue, somewhat resembling a Cork Screw, these being screwed into a Chest will serve to bring it up,

Any Instruments of this kind y^{t}. your Hono^{r} &c^{a} can invent & make will be usefull,

M^{r}. Cowse used all his endeavours to rocover ye boxes of Letters wch. came ashore, but the Poolas are so Cross that they wo^{d}. not restore them, nor permitt him to approach near the place where the Ship was lost, He gott of some of the Country people a few peices of torn papers wch. serve only to shew y^{t} at least part of the Hono^{ble} Comp^{as}. Instructions for Madrass, are destroyed, He recovered also the copyes of some Invoyces of Goods Laden at Metchlepatam, upon some of the New Comp^{as}. Shipping, the torn papers aforesaid are Inclosed, but the Invoices are not sent because they wo^{d}. too much incomber the Pacquet,

Many of the Neptunes Ships Comp^{a} seem unwilling to stay to work & venture their lives, upon ye wreck & among ye Country people, without some certainty & therefore propose to be allowed ye same pay they had aboard the Ship, upon wch. condition they will engage to serve the Comp^{a}. to the uttermost without expectation of any further Reward, thô. wee sho^{d}. have the good luck to recover ever so great a part of ye Treasure, & wee beleive y^{t} unless wee comply with their desires, wee sho^{d}. Loose the Assistance of so considerable a strength, Our present thoughts are y^{t}. it is necessary to agree to this proposition, wch. wee take to be reasonable, Wee pray your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. not to delay sending necessary advices wth. all possible speed to

Hono^{ble}. S^{r} &c^{a}

Your most humble and faithfull Servants

John Brabourne.
Simon Cowse.
W^{m}. Kyffin.

Anjengo July ye 17th 1704

LIST OF THE PACKET.

Nº. 1 Anjengo generall to Madrass, dated July yᵉ. 17th. 1704.
2 Copy Anjengo generall to Madrass dated July 1st. 1704.
3 Mr. Cowse's Letter to Mr Brabourn, dated June 28th. 1704.
4 Mr. Cowses Letter to Mr. Brabourn dated Carriapa. June 30th. 1704.
5 Mr. Cowses Letter to Mr Brabourn dated Cotato July 6th 1704.
6 Mr. Cowses Letter to Mr. Brabourn dated Cariapa. July 10th. 1704.
7 Mr. Brabourns Letter to Mr. Cowse dated July yᵉ 3d. 1704.
8 Mr. Brabourns Letter to Mr Cowse dated June yᵉ 30th 1704.
9 List of the Packet.

No. 58.

MR. BRABOURNS LETTER TO MR. COWSE,

MR. COWSE,

SR.

I have recd your Letter of the 30th of June whereupon I say it is necessary for you to Repair to the Maddambees, & tell them that half of all that is saved of the wreck is ours by Contract wth yᵉ. Queen & that you demand their imediate & possitive answer & tell them that if they deny to stand by that Covenant they must not expect, yᵗ when upon yᵉ arrivall of our forces, wee enter the Country in hostile manner, wee shall take any notice of that Agreement, Recd 12th Augt. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

It must needs be yᵗ they remain in expectation, wee shall not quietly digest this Loss, & their barbarous behaviour, & therefore according to their Custom, 'tis likely they'l give you a plausible but dilatory answer, only to hinder our collecting a sufficient force to go against them but you must be resolute, & if they say they will comply with the aforesaid agreement then demand iṁediate restitution of the Cloth mony &ca. wch. they have saved, & if they are Content wee will send to receive our share, & wash yᵉ. Cloth wch will quickly be spoiled if they do not rence it in fresh water & dry it,

You must get a positive answer & iṁediate complyance, otherwayes they'l keep all they can gett, if wee send no forces against ym. And when wee do (as I verily beleive we shall) they will stop our mouths with yᵉ. afforesaid agreemt.

If they are for compliance then goe your self to yᵉ wreck & live in the church and observe all that passes, & keep Accoᵗ. of all that comes ashore, whereupon I shall send you further directions,

Pray gett all intelligence you can & Contrive wth. yᵉ. Padres to send if possible some person Privately to inspect what passes about the wreck.

My last to you was dated the 30th. June wch. Suppose ere this is come to your hands and I desire you not to forgett to discourse yᵉ. Padre Rectore, about getting by help of the Padres, a parcell of Topazes at Qocheen and Quylone.

SR

ANJENGO JULY YE 3D. 1704 — Your very affectᵗ. ffreind

No. 59.

M^s Cowses Letter to
M^r. Brabourne

Worp^ll. S^r.

Recd 12th Augst 1704 ℣ Pattamar.

Your Worsp^e. of ye 28th & 30th June have recd, since when little or nothing has happened only on ye 4th. Instant, wee went & vissited the Maddambees, & acquainted them that the half of the wreck belongs to the Comp^a. according to the Contract wth. y^e. Old Queen. & that wee hoped they wo^d. not be wanting to comply therewith they replyed y^t. in former times, severall Portuguez & Dutch Ships & Vessells had been drove ashore in these parts, & that it was never known to y^e. Contrary, but the prince of the Country had the benefitt of the wreck, & that they sho^d. not go to alter old Customs however they desired us to go to Cotato & stay, & they wo^d. Consider more seriously on this Affair & accordingly give us an answer, then we desired they wo^d. be soe kind as to give us the box of Pacquets, wch was things that wo^d. stand them in no stead, they answered that it was true they had recd such things, but upon opening the boxes finding nothing but papers they took no other notice of them, but left them in ye Church, however they wo^d. make enquiry after them, & if they were to be found wee sho^d. have them, afterwards they called Salvadore & mee aside & asked us what store of mony might be in the Ship with severall such like questions, wee told them wee were Ignorant of every thing for wee came away from Anjengo before the people that belonged to the ship arrived there, upon which they dispatcht us, & said that they wo^d. send us an answer the next day, but not receiveing any according to their promise, wee wrote them an ola Yesterday, wherein wee acquainted them that wee waited to know their Resolutions, as also that wee hoped they wo^d. not be wanting to give us the Packetts, they wo^d. not return any answer to the Ola, but told Chinan Cuttee who carried it, that wee might be gone abo^t. our business, for they had nothing to say to us, & as for the Letters they did not know what was become of them, & so in a sullen manner turned away they wo^d. by no means consent to our going to the Sea Side to Vissit them but forbad us,

Being in hopes of recovering the best part if not all the Pacq^ts. wch. I am informed lyes scattered in the hands of the Christians by the Sea Side shall stay a day or two more, for I have sent out people that we can trust to gather them to togather if possible, upon their return shall sett out for Anjengo,

According to ye best information I can gett the Treasure will all lye dry in the sand, for the Sea will retire beyond the place where the wreck lyes, when the Westerly Monsoons break up, likewise I am of Opinion y^t the Natives cannot come at the treasure now, for the Seas break full upon y^e. wreck so that it is impossible for any body to dive there; I can't learn that they have got any of the Treasure as yett, but good store of loose money both Gold & Silver there is nothing come a shore since I wrote your Wor^sp last only yesterday they got another Anchor, I shall not be wanting to Inform myself in every particular concerning ye wreck, & y^e. retireing of ye Sea,

There was abundance of Liquors came ashore both in Casks & Bottles but y^e. Casks they staved for ye sake of ye hoops, the bottles were sold for the first two days 10 & 8 for a fanam & afterward they fell to two, but now there is none to be had for they that bought them up have hid them under ground or conveyed them away for fear they sho^d. be taken from them, Remain.

Worp^ll. S^r.

Cottato,
July ye 6th. 1704

Your most humble Servt.

P.S.

Since writeing y^e. foregoing as I was going to seal up ye Letter arrived your Worships of ye 5^d. Instant to wch do answer y^t. you will perceive by what I have already wrote y^t. wee have been wth. the Poolas & y^t. they seem to make no acco^t. of us,

however wee shall goe again, & see if they will comply, but I am of opinion they have no such thoughts, for they have sent all they have gott to Caucalad, most of it being sent since our being here, besides they will by no means Consent to our going to the Sea side, as I have allready wrote, shall use my utmost endeavours to gett all the Intelligence possible, & wee have people privately there to inspect into all y^{t}. passes, but nothing of moment has happened these 6 or 7 days excepting the hauling ashore y^{e}. Anchor, they endeavoured to dive but are not able to come a near the Ship ye Sea beating so violently upon her, shall not forget to discourse ye Padre Rectore abo^{t} what your Worship writes concerning ye getting some Topozes I am

Your Worsp^{l}. most humble Servt.

No. 60.

M^{R}. Cowses Letter to
M^{R}. Brabourn,

Worp^{LL}. S^{R}

My last was dated the 6th Instant since when rec^{d} one from M^{r}. Kyffin, advise-ing if possible to gett two or three bottles of Olives, I have made all the dilligence Imaginable to gett some before, but could not hear of any, & now I have again sent out people if by any means can procure any shall, cost what they will, Recd 12th August1704 ℘ Pattamar.

According to your Worp^{s}. ord^{rs}. wo^{d}. again have vissitted ye Poolas but they wo^{d}. not lett us saying they wo^{d}. send us a possitive answer in writeing accordingly on the 8th Instant by Chynan Chittee they sent us an answer ye Contents of wch was y^{t}. we might be gone when wee wo^{d}. that our staying abo^{t} ye business of the Ship signified nothing, for they wo^{d}. not depart from their right by no means, also they talk among themselves that if the English had had any ffortifications in these parts of Trevencore might have had some reason to make demands, but now wee have none, & abundance of such discourse they had,

The Poolas have disposed of 90 Tullao of Iron at 5 ℘ Tull^{o}. 30 Tull^{o}. of Lead wch is all they have gott, they are abo^{t}. disposeing of the Cables & Ropes are all sold for fas 300 to a moor of Punee Cayl, & the three Anchors they are abo^{t} selling the same Moor haveing offered 1200 fan^{s} for them,

I have done my utmost endeavours to gett the Pacquets but cannot hear of them Herewith send what torn papers co^{d}. gett Likewise 5 or 6 Invoices wch. got by means of the Padre Rectore In the torn papers there is some relicks of the Comp^{as} Instructions to Govr. Pitt &c^{a}.

Just now rec^{d} Intelligence by means of the person wee have employed to Inspect into what passes, that a Certain Nay^{r} told him that he had a box full of Papers, wch he wo^{d} not part with under 100 Dollars, So that I believe it will be a hard thing to gett them, for these people have gott it in their heads, that the Letters are of great import to us, & rather then wee will goe without them wo^{d}. give any money, for wch. reason they that have them in their Custody will not show them, So that unless co^{d}. gett a sight of them, there is no offering any mony,

I have discoursed the Padre Rectore abo^{t}. getting some Topazes & he say he is not able to give you any answer at present, but he will if your Worsp. pleases write to the Padrees y^{t}. reside in those parts about it, & accordingly give you an answer,

Wee arrived from Cottato last night, and doe intend as soon as wee can gett Coolys, to sett out for Anjengo, this being the needfull at present, Remain

Worp^{LL}. S^{R}.

Carnapatam July ye 10th 1704 — Your Worp^{ll} most humble Servant,

Simon Cowse.

No. 61.

To the Hono^ble^ Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^ United English East India Comp^a^ On the Coast of Chormandell And Govr. of Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^ Council.

Hono^ble^ S^r^.

Rec^d^ 20th Aug^st^ 1704 — ℘ Pattamar.

On ye 12th wee rec^d^ your Hono^r^. &c^as^. dated the 8th & 9th Instant, & Yesterday came to hand, yours of the 11th wch accompanied the 6 Thousand Pag^s^. Which the Deputy Governour has received into the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United English East India Companys Cash, & shall Creditt your place for the like Sume, Wee have also rec^d^ the Musters of Longcloth, Sallampores and Betteelas, & note the prizes you have agreed for the two Latter, But therein find you dont make any distinction between N° 26 & 25, & N° 29 & 28 about which wee pray your Hono^r^. &c^as^ farther direction,

To Morrow wee shall Summon our Merchants, & acquaint them with the List of Goods Your Hono^r^. &c^a^. have directed us to provide & wish wee may be so fortunate to prevail wth. them to accept the prises they have already done in the Investment of Twenty Thousand Pagodas, But wee fear shall find it difficult, for they have already Assured us shall be Loosers by that Bargain, Our utmost dilligence shall not be wanting, & in our next acquaint your Hono^r^. &c^a^. how wee succeed, But they are an obstinate sort of people & will be hardly prevailed upon to engage in any Contract to their own Loss, Cotton is risen here 25 ℘ Cent and Cloth in proportion, wch will make their Compliance the more difficult, Wee shall be sure to observe the Hono^ble^. Managers orders, formerly rec^d^ in the buying this Cloth, & as fast as it comes in advise your Hono^r^ &c^a^. thereof, That you may enable us to pay for ye same, Our Merchants have been very punctual in keeping to their full Lengths & Breadths, & wee shall give them a strict charge to have the Cloth struck Close in the middle, & the Sorters enjoined to make an equall sortment, and as well washt and packt as possible, But our washers here are very few, and them not very good, therefore request your Hono^r^ &c^a^. will send us a Supply im̃ediately, Wee want your Directions what quantity of blew and browne, Longcloth there must be in the thirty thousand peices ordered, and whether wee may 'nt be permitted to take in some Sallampores of 2⅛ co broad at a proportionable Abatement, Wee shall as soon as possible get a muster of Neckcloths half Ell wide, Sixteen in a peice, But wee want to know if they must be the usuall Lengths or four Coveds in each Neckcloth,

Wee shall Strictly observe the Managers direction in useing a Method to advise them of whome said Goods, were bought that thereby they may have the Satisfaction of knowing whose prove best at the Sale.

Wee hope your Hono^r^ &c^a^ are well convinced wee have not been wanting to reduce the Merchants to the Lowest prises possible, and if our Masters can be no gainers by them at these prises, it will be imposible for us to reduce them to Lower, being well assured they will be sufferers if they undertake this Investment, Wee shall persue the method your Hono^r^. &c^a^. direct for their Incouragement in giveing them one Pagoda upon every peice of brown Longcloth, as fast as they bring it into the Companys Godown, and the same as you direct for other sorts of Goods, and as soon as it is washt and sorted have their Acco^t^. stated and cleared,

Wee request your Hono^r^ &c^a^. will as speedily as possible settle the stations of our Councill here, and fill up the Vacancy that each man may know his duty and his business,

The Storekeeper shall be directed to draw out a List of what Stores of our Old Masters wee have taken for the Service of the United Trade and the amount thereof at the Market price shall be paid them in ready mony according to your Hono^r^ &c^as^ directions

Wee have recalled the Cattamarans that lay out to the Southward,

Your Hono^r^. &c^a^ is very sensible it has been always practiced to Lett the Companys Bounds here but for one Year, and that the Lease thereof commence the first of July Wee mett with a sufficient deal trouble to perswade the Renters to the Termes, wee did, which if your Hono^r^. &c^a^ don't approve.

Wee will undertake they shall present the Company with Five Hundred Chuckrums to be clear of their bargain.

Most of our Books are Coppied, with Duplicates for England, and the remainder will be finished in five or Six days, when wee won't fail to send them,

Inclosed your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will receive a List of what money has been received from the Debtors of Somiah, with their Severall Shares in the business.

If wee conclude this Investment we shall want packing stuff, which wee request you will please to send us, & also Factors provisions, for wee are in great want of all sorts, Which being the needfull with our due respects we crave leave to subscribe,

FORT S^T^. DAVID — HONO^BLE^ S^R^. &C^A^

AUGUST Y^E^ 16TH 1704

Your most humble Servants

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
EDM^D^ MOUNTAGUE.
VICES^S^. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 62.

TO THE HONO^BLE^ THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HONO^BLE^. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A^ COUNCIL

VIZAGAPATAM
AUGUST 4TH. 1704

HONO^BLE^ S^R^. &C^A^.

Ship Humphry & Charles importing here the 26th Ult^o^ brought us the Hono^r^ of yours of the 15th June with the directions for the Superscriptions of our Letters wch. wee shall be sure to follow, Recd 26th. Augt. 1704

Wee observe what your Hono^r^ &c^a^ write as to the reduceing of our servants wages now wee have the Charge of a Garrison upon us, wee desire your Hono^r^ &c^a^ to beleive wee keep no more Servants then absolutely necessary, & not any for show or Ostentation, & when that charge can with convenience & safety be reduced wee shall be sure to effect it,

Our Consultations and Diarys shall be remitted according to your directions,

Wee now send your Hono^r^ &c^a^ a Muster of our Longcloth & Sallampores, with the price affixed on each peice, wch if your Hono^r^ &c^a^. approve of upon your advice & the sending of us mony wee shall Contract for what quantity you desire allowing the Merchants for what shall be brought in better then those Musters according to its Goodness, & for what shall come short thereof make a proportionable Abatement, & wee desire your Hono^r^ &c^a^ to observe the peices now sent you are the fagg ends haveing kept the better parts some to put to washing & the others to sort by brown, in case of your approveall, L C B Rs. 25 ℔ Corge Lo^co^ 72 Bro^co^ 2 6 Inch S A B at Pa 11½ N° 1

Wee now remitt your Hono^r^. &c^a^ our Generall Books by which you will find the Town stands indebted but abo^t^ 60 Pag^s^. & much more than that amo^t^ is carried to y^t^ Acco^t^ in a years time in petty Charges, besides the Convenience wee receive of haveing all workmen Coolys &c^a^ at our Comand,

Being quite out of Cash as will appear by our last months acco^t^. now sent, M^r^. Holcombe has Supplyed us with Pag. 300 & Rupees 800 for which wee have drawn a Bill on your Hono^r^. &c^a^. pay^ble^. to y^r^. Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt, which wee desire you to give due Hono^r^. to & the Northerly Monsoon now comeing on wee desire your Hono^r^. &c^a^. to send us a necessary supply for our expences for that Season,

We are also in want again of Factors Provisions, wch. wee desire you to Supply us with as soon as possible, as also some Europe Cloth haveing none in our Godowns,

Rustumdell Cawn as yett continues his promised friendship to us, & wee have hitherto no reason to doubt of the Contrary,

Wee have recd̃ the bagg of Flints from Cap^tn^. Wright sealed up as you advise but there was seventy odd short of y^e^. number you Mention,

Wee shall punctually keep up with our Acco^ts^. & be as frugall as necessity & the Exigence of Affairs will admitt, & so wishing your Hono^r^. &c^a^. all imaginable Wealth & prosperity Subscribe

Hono^BLE^. &c^a^.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THO. STABLES.
ROB^T^. CRANWELL.

No. 63.

TO THE HONO^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. &C^A^. COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^T^. HONO^BLE^. UNITED COMPANY TRADING
TO THE EAST INDIES,

S^RS^.

Recd 26th. Augt. 1704

My last was the 3^d^. Instant which I ordered to goe by one of y^e^. wood boats wch. lay then at Nezampatam, & I hear since that the Comp^as^. Boat is gone from thence, the Yatch & Fly are both ready to sail & only wait for an opportunity of coming out Maddapollam River y^e^. freshes being not yet over,

The 13th Instant I recd̃ a Letter from the Hono^ble^. Directores for the Seperate Affairs of the E I. Company sent mee ℘ your Hono^ble^. President, but said Letter does not give an acco^t^. of any mony designed for this place, therefore am obliged to retrench the Charges of this Company, & I know no way so effectuall for the doing of it, & at the same time to keep up the Credit of our Masters as to leave Metchlepatam, & come to reside at your place, till I hear further from them, in order to wch. I design wth. Gods permission to sett out on my Journey overland 28th. or 29th. Instant, This I advise of that you may (if you think fitt) send down people hither to take Charge of the Factorys, I shall leave 4 Persons here whom I shall order to live in the Old Factory of this place, their names are Daniel Cole Duke Faunce & Philip Baker, Writers, & Edward Jackson a man sent out to look after the Godowns &c^a^. Duke Faunce who at present is at Maddapollam, I have ordered hither, wanting his help at this place, please to order how many Peons and Servants you'l have to take care of the New ffactory at Maddapollam for the Seperate Affairs of our Comp^a^. has no longer occasion for D^o^. ffactory, I have writt to Faunce to leave there a Brachmin & 6 Peons, I have not more but to assure you that I am

S^RS^.

METCHLEPATAM
Y^E^. 16TH. AUG^ST^. 1704

Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM TILLARD.

No. 64

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^t. George
And Council for the United English Comp^a.
tradeing to the East Indies,

S^rs.

In answer to yours of y^e. 18th. Decem^br. with the Packet from Ship Tavistock wee wrote you y^e. 13th. February also y^e. 2^d. Instant ℘ Sedgwick wth. Copy of the same, & 4th. Instant ℘ Hugliana Ketch who was dispatcht to you that day her Invoice amounting to Rupees 20323. 1. 3 Copy of said Letter with 2^d. Bill of Loading came inclosed to wch. refer, Recd 31st. Augst. 1704

The Tavistocks not arriveing in due time with us, & it being too late to dispatch this Ship Dutches[s] for England, & y^e. want of Grain &c^a. you are like to have, occasioned our sending this Ship to you Loaden with Salt Petre Rice &c^a. as ℘ accompanying Invoice & Bill of Loading amo^ting. to Rupees . . . wch. goes on acco^t. & Risque of the United East India Company the amo^t. with what sent ℘ Hugliana Ketch please to give this Presidency due Credit for,

Wee desire you'l dispatch this Ship to us again so soon as possible being provideing a Cargoe suitable to dispatch her an early Ship for England, we shall not have any occasion for Redwood to be sent this Season there being such quantitys wth. us in y^e. Bay that its Cheaper here, then what Invoiced to us formerly,

The Gunny baggs that the Rice is in is but ordinary, but the best wee co^d. at present procure being in haste, for the future there shall be care taken to send better, there was only 1400 bags of it weighed by the Purser, he not giving due attendance as he ought to do, but one of the Comp^a. ffactors weighed of all the rest so doubt not but twill Come right the Petre &c^a. was weighed as accustomary,

Wee have now sent you nigh 200 Ton of Petre & have provided a Large quantity more for the Tavistock, so that wee hope to compleat the whole quantity ordered by the Company, and send you the Tavistock up, with what Stores you desired the first of the Season Expecting twill not be long 'ere she arrives with us.

Wee have not had any acco^t. of the troubles at Surat from our ffactorys nor of Late the Dutch nor ffrench, so know not how that business may end, but tis reported by Merchants they are att peace, We have not met with any troubles from this Government the Prince being made Nabob of Patna, is gone thither, his Government in Bengall still Continuing, & the Kings Duan is gone for Orixa to settle the Kings revenues there so at present wee are easy, but keep a good guard least any orders from Court may arrive to disturb us,

The Master of the Hugliana Ketch complaining she was too deep for the time of year, we have taken out of her 200 M^ds. of Rice & endorsed y^e. same on the Bill of Loading,

Wee desire you'l advise us what Salary y^e. United Comp^a. has appointed to all their Servants with you, they haveing left us in the Dark as to that matter and those Gentlemen wee take in here out of the Old Comp^as. Serv^ts. and out of the new are actually discharged from their former Masters service & Sallaryes, so must have some allowance or sallaries from the United Company,

M^r. Thomas Curgenven is ordered down to Roques river to dispatch this Ship & if any Rice be returned to Endorse it & advise thereof, Wishing her safe arrivall wth. you & quick return We Rem^n.

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Your humble Servants

Ralph Sheldon.
Robt. Hedges.
Jona^n. Winder.
John Russel.
Robt. Nightingall.
Benjn. Bowcher.
Edwd. Pattle.

P.S.

The Ships Charter party comes herew^th. which please to return wth. her

Wee have p^d. Cap^tn. Raymond on Acco^t. his Chaterparty mony 600 Doll^rs.

Idem.

Fort W^m. March 9th. 170¾.

No. 65

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
And Council for the English United Compa.
tradeing to the East Indies,

Srs.

Recd 31st. Augt. 1704. ꝑ Pattamar.

Haveing this opportunity by an Armenian Cossid, wee think fitt to advise that wee wrote you the 13th. ffebruary ꝑ Ship Comerce, ye. 2d. Instant ꝑ Sedgwick, the 4th. Do. ꝑ Hugliana Ketch, & the 9th. Do. ꝑ Ship Dutchess to which refer, ye. 11th. Instant Mr. Curgenven Dispatcht the Dutchess below in the River, & wee expected that she would have went out, the same Neeps, when the Union Hugliana Ketch & Ship Edward Did, But contrary to our thoughts, she returned again, the Pilot Complaining of her being ill mann'd & ill tackled, & had broke three Cables, & Lost one Anchor, so that she was unfitt, to proceed wherefore he now is at Rogues river & know not whether he intends to proceed or not, occasioned our sending him a Protest, and when wee find that he does or does not goe out, shall send you further advices by a Cosed of our own recommending them to Mr. Holcombes &ca. at Vizagapatam to be forwarded to you, Wee assisted the Captn. in all what wee could, before he broke ground hence, Even to unman all our Vessells to Lett him have the choice of Lascars and acquainted him also that the Pylot found fault with his Cables and Tackling which he affirmed to be good and Sufficient for the Ships service, she is Loaden with Salt Petre and Rice, with some freight goods, Wee do not yet hear any thing of the Tavistock but are prepareing for her haveing no farther to add at present

Subscribe

Fort William
March 23d. 1704.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Your most humble Servants

Ralph Sheldon.
Robt. Hedges.
Jonan. Winder.
Jno. Russel.
Robt. Nightingall.
Benjn. Bowcher.
Edwd. Pattle.

No. 66

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
And Council for the United English Compa.
Tradeing to the East Indies,

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Recd 31st. Augt. 1704.

Our last to you was 23d. Ulto. by an Armenian Cossid copy of which comes herewith also copy of ours ꝑ Dutchess & Hugliana Ketch wth. their 2d. Bills of Loading & Invoices, Since which is come to hand yours of ye. 24th. Febry. & 7th. March ꝑ Ship Tavistock which recd 27th. Ulto. wth. ye. 2 Chests of Gold wch. are as Invoiced in Tale & weight, except 15 dwt. short in the bars the Red wood is not yet come out of the Ship, when wee receive it shall advise the weight, wee shod. have been glad to have recd silver as the Compa. directs in Lue of ye. Gold, since the Last is fallen much in ye. price, & Silver holds us at 226½ ꝑ 240 Sicca wt. which is an extraordinary price, & ye. Compas. wod. undoubtedly have been gainers thereby, Since Rupees are very scarce, & hardly to be procured for Gold.

Wee have & shall provide sufficient quantitys of Petre for these shipping & those wch. are to come, & Design the beginning of y^e^. Monsoon to send you three or four Vessells of the Companys Loaden with it, & those stores desired.

Notwithstanding our endeavours to Supply your Garrison wth. Stores & our quick dispatch of Ship Dutches[s] as you will see by Copyes of her Letter &c^a^. yet the Cap^tn^. has been backward in performing his part, & did not proceed out of the river, the Pilots professing the Ship was not in a Condition for want of men and Cables, of which wee acquainted the Cap^tn^. before he went from this place. at the same time he Affirmed they were sufficient, & he would engage for them, althô he had no sooner went down the river in order to cross the Channell & gett out, but he broke three or four Cables, & Lost some Anchors, & his Ship so weakly mann'd that he was not capable of getting out, soe returned into the river from crosing the Channell, & now hee's at the River Rogues, wch. neglect of the Cap^tn^. in not fitting his ship as he ought, engaged us to give him a protest (copy of which comes herewith also the Pylots atestation) to stand to all damages y^e^. Comp^a^. should sustain. That said protest should remain in full force, & the Comp^a^. may have the advantage to discount with him in England, wee thought fitt not to unlade him or meddle with his Cargoe, but let him Lye under those orders he has, & proceed to your port so soon as he can, by takeing this method wee have resolved to Load and dispatch Ship Tavistock from this place directly for England, there being but small difference of Tonnage, & consequently y^e^. Dutchess you may except up in September to be dispatcht by you, The Comp^a^. in their directions to us haveing not enforced us, to either ship.

Being advised that you Hono^r^. &c^a^. have some Phisick sent out by y^e^. Mannagers in Ship Tavistock, & wee are in great want haveing none by Ship Dutchess, desire that you'l please to send us some by first opportunity, Wee must likewise desire that on some of the Europe Ships, you will send us some Charcole, to make Powder, the Charcole wth. you being y^e^. best,

Wee thank you for imparting to us the news of your parts wch. wee shall constantly doe the same to you, & be frequent in our advices,

Att present there is nothing of Importance here, haveing no manner of advices from Surat, nor doe wee hear of any other Europe Nation that has,

The Dutch Admirall that came from Mallacca wth. a Comissarie Lay in Ballasore road in order to goe to the Coast, but came into this river three days past, & will not proceed as 'tis said till the first of the next Monsoon,

Wee have wrote to M^r^. Holcombe &c^a^. at Vizagapatam to forward our Packett wth. care, This being the present needfull Conclude

Fort William Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

April 7th. 1704.

Your most humble Servants

Ralph Sheldon.
Robt. Hedges.
Jon^n^. Winder.
John Russell.
Robt. Nightingall.
Benjn. Bowcher.
Edwd. Pattle.

A List of the Packet ℘ Dutchess.

Copy of a General to the President &c^{a}. ℘ Huglyana Ketch.
A List of freight Goods.
Ship Dutchess her Chaterparty.
A Generall Letter to the President &c^{a}. Council.
The Hugliana Ketch her Second Bill of Loading.
Invoice of Ship Dutchess her Cargoe.
A Generall Letter ℘ an Armenian Cossid.

A List of the present Packet.

N°. 1 A Generall Letter to the Presid^{t}. & Council dated 7th. April.
2 Copy of y^{e}. Protest dd 25th. March dated 21st. d^{o}.
3 Copy of Hugliana Ketches Letter dated 4th. March.
4 The Pylots Attestation dated 3^{d}. Aprill.
5 Copy of a Generall Letter by an Armenian Cossid dated 23 . March.
6 Ship Dutchess her 2^{d}. Bill of Loading.
7 Acco^{t}. of freight Goods ℘ Dutchess.
8 Invoice of Ship Dutchess her Cargoe.
9 Invoice of Hugliana Ketch her Cargoe.
10 Copy of a Generall to Govr. Pitt &c^{a}. dated 9th. March ℘ Ship Dutchess.
11 A Generall to Simon Holcombe at Vizagapatam.
12 Acco^{t}. of Medicines wanted for Bengall.

No. 67

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t} &c^{a}. Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George, and Council for y^{e}. United Comp^{a}. Trade^{g}. to the East Indies.

Fort William
May y^{e}. 19th. 1704
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S^{rs}.

Recd 31st. Augst. 1704. Since ours of y^{e}. 7th. Ult^{o}. overland Copy of which comes herewith, wee have yours ℘ Chambers ffriggat of the 22^{d}. April & are glad to find the Hugliana Ketch safe arrived with you, you'l find by our last that the Dutchess did not proceed, also where the neglect lay, she will not depart now till August with the same Cargoe.

The Tavistock wee design to dispatch about the Latter end of November, and are sorry that wee cannot soe contrive it, that the three Ships may goe home togather, for each others Security, but the Mannagers have given us no directions in that case, so that wee must dispatch her directly home, so soon as wee can.

Wee thank you for the Account you gave us of the New Settlement on your Coast, wishing success thereto and hope you'l give us an acco^{t}. of the Sallaries, as formerly desired ℘ next, that wee may make a due Allowance to the Servant's taken into the United Service, from each Company,

Our last advises from Surat tell us that there is likely to be an accomodation, between us the Dutch and the Government, and that the old Govr. is turned out for his mismannagement,

Our Affairs with y^{e}. Government here are at quiet, & hope may Continue so, since the Prince & Kings Duan, are at present both out of Bengall.

The 9th. Instant arrived here the Ana & Samuel from y^{e}. new Comp^{as}. Settlement in China a Ship of abo^{t}. 180 Tons, belonging to them who will goe for England with the Tavistock,

The Bill of Ladeing for the black stones, Shipt on the Chambers ffriggat, have recd, & shall receive them according to the tenor thereof,

Wee intend the beginning of August or beginning of Sep[br]. to return you the Hugliana Ketch, and send two or three more of our Small Craft with her for your Port Loaden with Petre &c[a]. Stores to supply what may be wanting for the Dutchess West Coast &c[a].

Meeting with the opportunity by a private Pattamar wee thought requisite to give you the former advices which Concludes from

HONO[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A]. S[RS].

Your most humble Servants,

RALPH SHELDON.
ROB[T]. HEDGES.
JON[A]. WINDER.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROB[T]. NIGHTINGALL.
GEO: REDSHAW.
BENJ[N]. BOWCHER.
EDW[D]. PATTLE.

No. 63.

VIZAGAPATAM AUG[ST]. 13TH. 1704

TO THE HONO[BLE]. THOMAS PITT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R[T]. HONO[BLE]. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP[A].
&C[A]. COUNCIL.

HONO[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Haveing writ your Hono[r]. &c[a]. the needfull on 4th. Instant this serves only to forward the accompanying Packets rec̃d just now from Bengall which the Gentlemen there adviseing to be of importance and therefore pressing urgently there speedy remittance wee thought not fitt to detain them one minute but to dispeed them forthwith to M[r]. Tillard by two of our Nimblest Peons, which wee have accordingly done desiring his useing the same expedition in the forwarding them to your Hono[r]. &c[a]. which wee hope he will Effect & that they will arrive according to their desires with you, and which is the present needfull from, Recd 31st. Aug[st]. 1704

HONO[BLE]. &C[A].

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMB.
THO. STABLES.
ROB[T]. CRANWELL.

No. 69

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &c^a^. Council for Affairs of the R^t^.
Hono^ble^. United Company Tradeing to the
East Indies

S^rs^.

Recd 31st. Augst. 1704 ℔ Pattamar. I writt you the needfull in my last of the 16th. Instant, this being Cheifly to accompany a Packet of Letters I recd last night from Vizagapatam here being no Alterations of Affairs since my last affords mee nothing more to advise you off, I remain

S^r^.

Your most humble Servants

Willm. Tillard

Metchlepatam
August 21st. 1704

No. 70

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &c^a^. Council for Affairs of the R^t^.
Hono^ble^. United Company Tradeing to the
East Indies.

S^rs^.

Recd. 31st Augst 1704 ℔ Boat. In my last of ye. 11th. Ulto. I advised that had fitted the large Country Boat to Carry firewood for your place, & that hired another at 2½ Rups. ℔ 1000 who is to deliver 56,000 Sticks to your order, how many sticks the Companys Boat will bring you, cannot yett tell this being the first time of her Loading any,

The next day those two Boats sailed togather out of this river, & I have had since news of their being arrived at Nezampatam, but no accot. yet of their sailing from thence, do therefore expect this will come time enough to reach them before their departure if otherwise I have ordered the bearer hereof to goe to ffort St. George in another boat which I hired Do. Day to carry 60000 Sticks firewood at ⅝ Pags. ℔ 1000 to be delivered to your order, the Copy of both the Obligations from the owners of these 2 hired boats have Inclosed,

The Fly will be ready to sail from Maddapollam next week, and hope the ffreshes will be abated before that time, to permitt her and the Yatch comeing out they shall not be detained in this road but dispatcht away in a day or two for your place,

The ffrench have recd an acot. from Ponticherry of a small Ship arrived there from Europe but haveing recd no accot. thereof from your Honor. &ca. I conclude there's no danger of the Yatch's meeting her, therefore design to follow your former orders,

Yesterday a Dutch Briggantine arrived in this road from Negapatam and have Landed here 12 Soldiers, this being all the news in this place. I desire Leave to remain

S^rs^.

Your most humble Servt.

Wm. Tillard

Metchlepatam
Augst. yr. 3d. 1704

Inclosed is an acco^{t}. of y^{e}. charges fitting out the Comp^{as}. large Country boat to carry firewood for your place, Please to take notice she has gott with her One Water Cask & two Grapnells $\overset{\text{c}}{1}.\ \overset{\text{lb}}{23}$ & 1 – 2. 1 part of the boats stores mentioned in the List of Dead Stock.

The Tandell who is to receive 3 Rup^{s}. ℔ moth. wages comenceing y^{e}. 1st. Ult^{o}.

No. 71

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. United English East India Company On the Coast of Chormandell, & Governour of Fort S^{t}. George & S^{t}. David &c^{a}. Council.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Wee have before us to answer your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 24th. & 26th. Instant, The former of which came to hand the 28th. and the Latter late last night, which accompanyed the Tenn Thousand Pagodas and was mett by our Peons at Conimeer and all arrived in Safety, Recd 3d Septbr. 1704

Wee had sooner made answer to the former of your Letters, but have been endeavouring all has lain in our power to prevail with the Merch^{ts}. to provide the List of Goods last ordered by your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. at the same prizes, wee gave in the twenty thousand Pagodas Contract,

Wee have had severall meetings and long debates, but find it impossible to perswade the Merchants to Comply, and wee are well Convinced that since the rise of Cotton, and Consequently Cloth in proportion, our Merchants cannot undertake this Investment and be savers, They would gladly render the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. the United Company the best services in their Power, and as a Testimony thereof would undertake this Contract, without any prospect of gain, but its beyond our Rhetorick to perswade them to do it upon an apparent Loss, so that unless wee are permitted to advance a small matter on the prizes, our Merchants cannot undertake it, Wee beleive they would be prevailed upon to accept the same prises wee last gave for our Old Masters, but of this wee are not assured haveing never hinted to them our intentions of writeing to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. for your permission to advance any more than what wee last gave in the Twenty thousand pagodas Contract, The difference in the prises is but a small matter, and if wee have your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. permission & can prevail with the Merch^{ts}. to strike the Contract at those prizes, Wee will be sure to take such care on the sortment and enjoyn the Merch^{ts}. to bring in such cloth as shall doubly make amends for that small advance.

Wee have tryed all the particular Eminent Merchants in the place, and find that none of them are of Abillity Sufficient to undertake this business, And the Partners of our Joint Stock Merchants have had a meeting the result of which was, That if they undertook this Contract at the Prises wee now offered, they would withdraw their shares, thinking it unreasonable to provide Goods for the Company upon an apparent Loss,

Wee shall number our Betteelas according to your directions, and allow them the same prises mentioned thereto, and wee shall be sure to observe your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. advices in not takeing in any worser sort then the second number,

Since the Hono^{ble}. the Manag^{rs}. have ordered no blew cloth and that sent home brown must be what cannot be gott washed Wee earnestly request your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will send us some Washers, for wee shall be in great want of them if wee goe on with this Investment.

According to your Honor. &cas. directions wee have this day given our Bill upon you for Pagodas four hundred Ninety One, & eighteen fanams, for the like Sum̃m recd here into the Rt. Honoble. United English East India Companys Cash from the Debtors of Somiah and also inclosed is two Bills of Somiahs the One to Peddee Chittee for Twenty Six Pagodas, and the other to Viabo Chittee for Thirty Pagodas, which wee recd as part of their Shares, and was to be deducted from Somiah, Wee wish that long depending business may be ended to the satisfaction of all,

Wee have ordered our Merchants to provide a Muster of Neckcloths, which as soon as wee receive shall be sent you,

Our Merchants now begin to bring in their Cloth upon the last Contract, and wee will press them to compleat it as fast as possible. They offered us in Consultation imediately to lay down and give the Company One thousand Pagodas to excuse them Complying therewith, Which being the needfull with our due respects, wee crave leave to Subscribe

FORT ST. DAVID. HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

AUGUST YE. 31ST. 1704. Your most humble Servants

GABL. ROBERTS.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
VICESS. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 72.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE. UNITED. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL, AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Recd 3d Septbr. 1704 ℘ Ship Charlton.

Our last to your Honor. &ca. was dated the 31st. past month, which hope will arrive with you,

This is Cheifly to accompany Copy of the Generall Books of this Garrison Letter A and Letter B, with Duplicate of Letter A. The Duplicate of Letter B is now a Coppying, and shall be sent as soon as finished,

According to your Honor. &cas. orders in your Generall Letter of the 31st. May last, wee would have sent the persons concerned in the Death of Francisco De Pina, with the Wittnesses ℘ Ship Chalton, Captn. Gostlin Com̃ander, but the Captn. haveing a great many Passengers on board, says, he can't possibly take them in, so that they still remain in prison here, which is a great hardship upon them, therefore request your Honor. &ca. will permitt us to send them up by boat, and wee think the wittnesses, that must be sent, will be sufficient to Guard the Criminall which being the needfull, with due respects wee crave leave to subscribe.

FORT ST. DAVID. HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

SEPTEMBER YE. 2D. 1704. Your most humble Servants

GABL. ROBERTS.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
VICESS. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLUE.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 73

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t. Hono^ble. English East India Company in their United Trade, & Governour of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council, at Madrass.

Our last to you was by a Vessell belonging to some of the new Companys people dated the 27th. of y^e. past month, copy of which wee forwarded by the Pembrooke, ffriggat, which ship wee presume sailed hence Yesterday, or will sail this day directly for your Port, the Charlton wee supose sails in Company with her, but will touch at Bombay, by whom wee design this, Recd 3d. Sepbr. 1704 ꝑ Ship Charlton.

Yours of the 18th. January & 10th. ffebruary with the copy of the former, and of Cap^tn. Kingsfords Letter wee have recd, for wch. wee give you thanks, and have according to your desire, sent Copyes of all the news, contained therein to the new Companys people, thô they had the same ere our Letters arrived, from the ffrench ffactory,

Wee wrote you twice by Armenian Conveyances, & once by the new Companys Pattamars via Metchlepatam besides the forementioned since our last trouble, com̃enced,

Wee heartily wish the Colchester a prosperous Voyage that she may escape y^e. ffrench & arrive our Masters in safety, the ffrench here report that their Ships sailed from Ponticherry for france much about the time that she sailed from your port,

Wee thank you for adviseing the Arrivall of the Stretham, & Malborough, the former wee Suppose is on the United Account,

Armenians here say they have Letters that advise of M^r. Dolbens arrivall with five Dutch Ships at Negapatam, wch. news wee shall be glad to have confirmed,

Your threatned troubles wee hope will evaporate, for that the Kings orders to this Gov^rs. is to keep fair with the Europeans,

Wee have now landed what of Abdull Guffores money wee seized at Bombay, & its lodged in a Seroy with what the Dutch Seized under the Comp^s. the Gov^rs. & severall Officers & Merch^ts. Seals, but how it will be disposed of we dont yett know, a translate of y^e. paper that the Govr. hath given us under his and the Shawbunders Seal concerning it is enclosed, being of the same tenor of that he hath given the Dutch, wee also enclose translates and a Persian Copy of all other papers that he hath given us as wee promised in o^r last.

The Portuguez that wee wrote in our last were gone to Daman proceeded to Goa & left the Arrabs, at their Liberty, who are since proceeded towards Muscat, with Six Stout Ships from thirty to Sixty Guns, and wee now hear that their two Great Ships, wch. were persued by the Six Portuguez as mentioned in our last are got safe to that port by all which its Evident, to the lasting shame of the portuguez that their mighty Armado hath effected just nothing wch. perhaps may put the Arrabs on effecting something extraordinary against them next year.

The New Comp^as. Ship Mary is sailed with freight Goods for Persia & Bussera, & the Catherine Catherine [*sic*] wee beleive will sail in three or four days for China,

Wee have no fresh news from Persia neither do wee yet hear of the arrivall of either of the men of Warr, or expected Union Ships, nor of the Regard from the Mallabar Coast, nor of any Bengall Ships, except one small Vessell, that is arrived at Bombay that was four months on her passage.

Inclosed is an Invoiced [*sic*] of One Bale of Salloes & Garden, Seeds sent you by the Charlton with a Bill of Loading for the former, & are S^t^. for the Latter, which is what wee can call to mind at present to advise you of, Wee are.

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your very loveing ffreinds
and humble Servants.

SURATT.
APRILL YE. 25TH. 1704.

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
E. BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.

No. 74

TO THE HONO^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HONO^BLE^.
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANYS IN THEIR
UNITED TRADE & GOVERNOUR OF FFORT S^T^.
GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL AT MADRASS

S^RS^.

Recd. 3d. Septbr. 1704, ℔ Ship Charlton.

Wee recd yours under the 27th. Septembr. 1703 ℔ the Charlton ye. 22d. past Janry. acknowledging the receipt of ours wth. ye. Accot. sales of Mr. DuBois's effects,

Your Pacquet to ye. Generall & Council in Surat wee imediately on its receipt forwarded by ℔ express overland, & their pacquet to you we forward ℔ this Conveyance,

For what Goods Captn. Gostlin has Laden here he has a Certificate to excuse him from ye. Duties with you, but he Laded some Goods at Surat, the quantity and quality of wch. wee are ignorant.

Our expected Europe Ships are not yet arrvd. us,

Of all occurrences in Surat we doubt not but the Generall & Council there have given you a full relation, so needless for us to make a repetition, Wee add not but that wee are

S^RS^.

Your most humble Servts.

BOMBAY CASTLE.
YE. 13TH. MAY 1704.

JOHN BURCHISTON.
WM. AISLABIE.
WM. REYNOLDS.

Mr. Caleb Travers being deprived of his sight signs virtually.

℔ WM. PHIPP.
Secry.

No. 75

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &c^a^. Council at Madrass.

Gentlemen.

These serve to advise that yesterday imported ship Josia Cap^tn^. Rand Pye, from England, who in Company of y^e^. Abingdon, Cap^tn^. Goodfellow left the Downs last July, and left said Ship at Calicutt, whom wee daily expect to arrive us as well as the Severne & Scarborough Men of Warr designed for these Seas, Recd 3d. Sepbr. 1704 ℘ Ship Charlton.

What letters for your side that came in our Box wee here in close, the which wee took out in the same Condition you see them, as was most of our Masters Pacquets to us as well as private Letters, some of which being so eaten by the worme co^d^. make nothing off.

An Extract of the Settlem^t^. on this side wee send you enclosed and are,

S^rs^.

Bombay Castle
y^e^. 16th. May 1704.

Your most humble Servt.

T. Burniston.
W^m^. Aislabie.

No. 76

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Enclosed you'l find Copyes of our last Letters dated the 1st. & 17th. of July which wee hope come to your hands in due time Recd 10th. Sepbr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

The Poolas who Govern the Country about Mannaccorree will not permitt any of our people to approach near the place, where the Neptune was Lost, wherefore wee are forced to be beholden to Padre Hier^o^. Telles Rector of the Jesuits, residing at Carriapatam (wch. is within 2 or 3 Leagues of Manacorree) for advices of what happens about the wreck & to a Chittee Living at Cotato, who is the Comp^as^. Shroff,

Wee have here Inclosed translates of all the papers sent us by the said Padre and Chittee, whose advices are in many places very imperfect, & hard to be understood, which happens because they themselves, and the people from whom they receive their Intelligence, are Ignorant of every thing that appertains to a Ship.

In our last wee advised that the Bottom of the wreck of the Neptune Lay in 7 or 8 feet Watter, & that her Ribbs appeared in sight, in which posture she Continued some time, but now the case is altered for the Padre writes that all the bottom of the Ship to the very Keel, is come ashore, but the Chittee says the Keel is not come ashore, and wee cannot find out the certain truth, they both say that the Poolas, found some Lead and a Little Silver (wch. was stowed in the very bottom of the Ship) and that they are useing all possible endeavours to take up what remains in the Sea,

Upon this Intelligence, wee Judged it necessary to send down the Comp^as^. Monchew to hinder the Indians diveing for the treasure, and Cap^tn^. Lestly was very willing, and resolved to goe on her althô, there was great danger, of Looseing the boat, by storms which often happen at this Season of the year, accordingly upon the

13th. Instant, wee Launched the Munchu, and endeavoured to put her over the surff, but she filled with water, and had been staved to peices, if by the address and assistance of the Neptunes people, and a Multitude of other hands she had not been presently hauled up upon the shore by meer Strength,

The boat is now repairing and as soon as she is fixed and the Sea becomes somewhat more moderate (wch. wee hope will come to pass in 8 or 10 days) we shall send her to Mannaccorree, but wee are very apprehensive that the natives will in the mean while find means to recover and take up part of the treasure, our only hope is, that the Sea continuing rough, and to break upon the place where the wreck lay, will not permitt them to dive,

If the Poolas get the money into their hands, & carry it within the Land, it will require a greater force then your Honor. &ca. can at present provide, to force it from them, and if it remains in the sea, wee must Land and secure the shore, before wee can fish or dive for it, because the wreck lays soe very near the Land, that the Indians will perpetually disturb us with shott & Arrows the Shore may be possessed and secured wth. the force mentioned in our last Letters, that is to say wth. abot. 200 men,

Thus your Honor. &ca. being informed of all that wee know or can tell you, will take such resolutions as you think proper, as for our parts wee are Loath to give over the probable hope of recovering so considerable a treasure and afraid of perswading you to enter into so great an expence, as the affair requires, for fear it should prove fruitless,

There was no keeping of the Neptunes Ships Company together, but by agreeing to allow them the wages they had aboard the Ship wch. comes to 90 & odd pounds a month, upon which consideration all the officers and Marriners (except the Captn. & his Servants) have under written an obligation to serve the Rt. Honoble. Company in recovery of the wreck, without expectation of any further gratuity, though wee should have the good fortune to regain ever so great a part of what is Lost, Wee most repectfully take Leave and

Remain

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Your most faithfull humble. Servts.

Anjengo ye. 17th. Augst. 1704

John Brabourn
Simon Cowse.
Willm. Kyffin.

List of the Pacquet.

No. 1 Anjengo Generall to ffort St. George Augst. 17th. 1704
2 Copy Anjengo Generall to Madrass July 17th. 1704
3 Copy Anjengo Generall to Madrass, July 1st. 1704
4 Translate, an Information of passages, relateing to Ship Neptune wreckt at Manacoree By Padre Jeronimo Telles Rector of the Jesuits att Carriapatam Dated July 27th. 1704
5 Translate, Ditto dated August 7th. 1704 New Stile
6 Translate, Ditto dated August 11 1704 No. S.
7 Translate Ditto dated August 19 1704 N. S.
8 Translate Ditto dated August 21 1704 N. S.
9 Translate of an Ola from Cockum Peremall Chittee about Ship Neptune wreckt at Tutacarree
10 Translate, of an Ola from Do. abot. Do.
11 List of the Pacquet.

No. 77

TRANSLATE OF AN OLA RECD FROM COCKUM PERRIMALL CHITTEE

God preserve you Salvad[r]. Maheiro Linguistes what I now acquaint you with is what I advised you before that the wreck does not appear, Recd 10th. Sep[r]. 1704

The two Poolas going to Manacoree I also sent a Cooly after, promiseing him half a fanam a day, he returned with the following advice that the Poolas not seeing the wreck, they ordered four Cattamarans to be tyed togather and sent people thereon to dive, who found the wreck removed about the Length of four Lances, from the place it was before to the Eastward upon which they tyed ropes, and employed 150 or 200 people to hall it up again, but they could do no good that day, On the 2[d]. day they gathered togather, from within Land, and at the Sea side about 1500 or 2000 people, which with much adoe hauled the wreck on shore, which happened to be one of the Docks but none of the bottom is to be seen, unto what came on shore was joined a peice of the side, in the Ceiling of which was found the following particulars Viz[t]. 18 Piggs of Lead, 24 Slabbs of Tinn, also half an Ingott of Silver and 50 or 60 Dollars, and 15 or 20 Venetians Scattered up and down and they suppose that under the Deck may be found some of the Chests of silver, therefore they are about cutting of it up, to see what is to be found underneath, but they think that the Major part of the Treasure, with the Guns remain in the Sea therefore they talk of waiting till the Sea is smoother to dive, which will be in October or November, but whether they will not endeavour it now, or noe, can't yett tell, likewise here runs a rumour, that the Muckways intend to dive in the night, to see what they can gett, I shall continue to keep people at the Sea Side untill such time as the poolas return to Cacoulao. and after their Departure I shall come to Anjengo.

No. 78

TRANSLATE OF AN OLA RECD FROM COCKUM PERREMALL CHITTEE

God preserve you Salvadore Matheiro Linguister, since my last they have cutt up the Deck &c[a]. that I wrote you they halled ashore for the sake of the Ironnail's, Upon the Deck was four or five square places fastened about with Iron and two Chains, which they seeing could not Imagine what it meant, therefore went about cutting them up, but it being Late the ℘son I sent returned without knowing what they found therein, but about 8 or 9 a Clock at night I was informed that upon opening one of those Square Places, they found, four Slabbs, but it being dark they could not destinguish whether it was Gold or Silver, within the rest was found severall peices of Gold and Silver Coin, Scattered up and down, the next morning they sent people to dive, but they of Manacorree said there was nothing to be found, Upon which they sent for Divers from Cavalad who diveing found some Loose Dollars, & Iron hoop, a sword, 4 or 5 knives some of them said they saw too Chests & 4 or 5 Great Guns under water, others say there is abundance of things, but theres no comeing at them they lye so close togather, upon which the Poolas are much rejoyced, but what their Intentions are cannot tell so that if the Companys Monchew were sent in time she might prevent them in their designes of getting any thing elce. Recd 10th. Sep[r]. 1704

No. 79

A RELATION OF SHIP NEPTUNE JULY Y[E]. 24TH. 1704

TO BE SHOWN TO THE COMODORE
OF ANJENGO, AND CAPT[N]. JOHN LESTLY &C[A].

On this day after M[r]. Cowse departed from hence arrived here in Carripatam 2 Men of Indifferent good sence that resided some time at Mannacorree and they advised mee of the following particulars Viz[t]. Recd 10th. Sep[r]. 1704 by Padre Hieronimo Telles Rector of the Jessuits at Carriapatam.

Firstly That the Ship Neptune when she first struck upon the sand was with her head to the Eastward, and her stern to the Westward,

Secondly That afterwards he turned her side to the Shore N°.ward and the other side to the Sea,

Thirdly That there began to come ashore abundance of Bale goods, Chests, and Hogs^hts^.

Fourthly That afterwards there came 3 Anchors wth. their Cables & other Ropes &c^a^.

Fifthly That there came ashore a part of the Poop, on which was found 2 great Guns, and three Carriages, wth. their trucks, also some Iron, and a few swords, wth. other arms also some Loose money mixt amongst the Iron, also they say there was found a Cabinet or Scrutore in which was two barrs of Gold only,

Sixthly That the peice of the poop being a shore upon the spring tide it was washed of again & carried by the Sea to the otherside of Cape Comorine,

Seventhly Of the goods that came ashore abundance of them was stole away and sold to the Eastward, for fear of the Government, but the Major part fell into the hands of the Government, of wth. none are disposed of as yet, Except it be some Iron sold to the Merchants of Cotato, and the Cables and Ropes to a Moor of Povan that lives in Tengapatam, which he bought for 20 Dollars but he says now he can give no more then 15 Dollars.

Eightly. For many days was seen a Large peice of the Ship out at Sea but now it is disappeared, and only a Cable is seen with one end fastned to the Ship, and the other is washed up and down by the Waves, also the knees or ribbs of the Ship are in abundance to be seen about a Coved above water.

Ninthly. The sides of the Ship is broke into 3 p^s^. and are come close ashore being not in above 2 spans of water they have endeavoured to haul them ashore but cannot therefore they have fastned them with ropes, that the Sea should not wash them back again.

Tenthly. In the place where the Keel and the Major part of the ship lyes, the sea has thrown up the Sand soe, that at Low water it seems like a Little Island, or banck sand, and between the Shore and the wreck there is not above the Depth of 3 Spans of water, but on the Southern side it is about six foot Deep, but they are all affraid to venture upon the wreck for fear the Sea should dash them against it,

Eleventhly. Since the absence of the two Poolas that were there, & a few Naz^rs^. being only left to watch the fishermen have Liberty to goe a fishing and these fishermen say, that with their feet they have felt some great Guns both to the Northward and the Eastward of the wreck, but they have not declared the same to the Nay^rs^. for fear they should be put to the trouble of getting them up,

Twelfthly. Every body says that about 3 months hence they may goe dry shod to the wreck.

Thirteen-tly. That after M^r^. Cowse made enquiry for y^e^. Pacquets the Country people threatned the Christians because they would have delivered them, they saying wee had a mind to know the Contents of the Cargoe thereby, for which reason the Christians burnt them for fear,

Since closeing this relation this day, being the 27th. come two people from Manacorree & they say that every thing remains as it was, excepting that some more plank are broke from the side of the Ship, and carryed by the Tide to the Eastward That the Nay^rs^. are cutting up the 3 p^s^. of the Ship which in the relation are mentioned to be so high the Shore, and were tyed with Ropes.

No. 80

An Acco^r. of Ship Neptune from the 28th July to the 6th. Aug^st. 1704 to be perused by the Comodore & Captain.

1^stly. Tis said that on the 29th. July the Nayars gott another very Large Cable that was by the waves beat up and down in the Sea, By Padre Jeronimo Telles Rector of the Jesuits at Carriap^ta.

2dly. On the 30th. the Sea washed away one of the 3 p^s. of the Ship, that was tyed to the Shore, which peice broke and was Carryed by the Sea, and cast on the sand at Cavalao^r. in 2 or 3 places, immediately the Gentues cut them in peices for the sake of the nails. Recd 10th. Sepr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

3dly. On the first of August the Nay^rs. gott 3 more large Ropes about the Biggness of a small Cable, which they keep by the Sea side,

4^thly. Also some Cloth came ashore but very little and that spoiled

5^thly. On the 4th. they writt mee from Cavalco that if the Gentlemen of Anjengo have a mind to recover anything of the wreck they must be speedy because the fishermen say now's the time but the Jenteus & Nay^rs. know nothing of this for the fishermen do not think it Convenient to declare it to them because instead of their gaining any thing they sho^d. have abundance of trouble and Loss.

6^thly. On the 5th. I was told by a Christian of Confidence that resides at Manacoree that all this is very true, and that the ffishermen say the very same things that I have now written, also that when they put off their Cattamarrans to goe a ffishing they perceive that with their feet they may touch guns & other things, and that from the strand they can goe not above a knee deep within Reach of the wreck but that close by the wreck for the space of a Large Coved the Sea begins to Eat away the sand next to the Shore, so that its somewhat deeper, in that Place, therefore cannot so easily get at what is there,

7^thly. I hearing of this news, sent away a discreet ℘son to Manacoree on the 5th. to certifie mee more truly Especially at what distance the wreck might bee from the Shore, he returned on the 6th. & assured mee she was very nigh, & by the measure he showed mee which is from the Door of my Hall to the Door of the Room where M^r. Cowse lay it may be about 15 Covetts on 30 Spanns, he likewise says that one might goe not above a knee deep in water and touch the wreck with ones hand stretcht out, but that close by the side of the wreck 'tis deeper, being breast high, because the Tide has carried away the sand,

Likewise he says that at Low water, the knees or Ribbs may all be seen, and that the ffishermen affirm that with their feet they have felt 3 Guns to y^e. E^t. w^d. and other 2 to the Northward next the Shore, and y^t. if the Nay^rs. knew all this, they wo^d. fish and take up a great many things.

Likewise yesterday there came ashore 25 case knives and 2 Iron hoops, Also some peices of Cloth Green, and other Colours, but the best part of it spoylt by the salt water, also to day there came ashore 2 more case knives, and more Cloth, Tis incredible to think how Much the Sea retires from the Shore in that place, The Padre of Cavalaor advises almost the same things, Tis report that the Badagars are comeing to warr against the Poolas to Cotato and Nanjawacu, and that they will arrive by the end of this month, or sooner, but 'twas never known that at any time they came to the Seaside, August the 6th. 1704.

P.S.—The Anchors are not sold, there is but 8 Nay^rs. that watch at the Sea side, but the Adigarr that governs those parts (under the Poolas) has severall towns of Chegos under him, In so much that he can raise 100 men presently but they are no more then 1000 Goats,

SEN^{R}. SALVADORE MATHEIRO

This day the 7th. of August in the morning I dispatched a Pattamar, and now in the afternoon arrived a man in whom I can putt trust, and gave the following newse, that at one end they may goe close up to the wreck knee deep in water, but along side its deeper about breast high, Everybody says that a great many things might be recovered now and who knows out the ffishermen make use of the opportunity, but when the Nay^{rs}. ask them if 'tis time they answer the Sea must retire,

This man says that the wreck is within 15 Coveds of the Shore and he Confirms all the other circumstances I have wrote, August 7th. 1704.

HIERO TELLES.

No. 81

A RELATION OF SHIP NEPTUNE FROM THE 8TH. TO Y^{E}. 11TH. OF AUGST. 1704 BY PADRE JERON TELLES RECTOR OF THE JESUITS AT CARRIAPATAM.

Recd. 10th. Sepr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

On the 8th. tis said there came abundance of Nay^{rs}. to Manacoree, who took and sent all the knives and other things that they had got to Cacoulao. On the 9th. had knews that the wreck was nigher the shore and that there came ashore some knives and swords, also they found some Dollars but very few the Nay^{rs}. did imediately their endeavours, to haul the wreck on shore they tyed Ropes and pulled it, but they did not succeed, for the wreck did not so much as move,

On the 10th. came news that the wreck retired wth. the sea, and that it did not appear, on the 11th. had advice that it seemed the wreck was something removed, and the Nay^{rs}. a new tyed Ropes that she should not goe further, Also they told mee that on the 8th. Instant came ashore some Cloth but it was spoilt,

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No. 82

A RELATION OF SHIP NEPTUNE FROM THE 13TH. TO Y^{E}. 19TH. OF AUGST. 1704. BY PADRE HIERO TELLES RECTOR OF THE JESSUITS AT CARRIAPATAM.

Recd 10th. Sepr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

On the 13th. I was certified that after the wreck was disappeared, they found it a Little further off the shore as I have wrote and that it remained there because the Nay^{rs}. had tyed it with Ropes that it should not retire any more,

On the 14th. came a ℘son of some knowledge and declared the business better, that the Day on which the wreck removed it was raised above the water, in the same place, and remained some time so, the Nay^{rs}. seeing this, began to call the Christians togather, to haul her up, but as there was but a few of them, and before they could gett every thing necessary the wreck disappeared, and sunk the Nay^{rs}. remained much troubled at it, and sent some ffishermen to see if they could find it again, the ffishermen went and found the wreck something further from the Shore, then it was before, they tyed it and it Lett it remain there, under water, but sometimes it would appear above water and Remain so a little time, I have already advised in severall papers, that the ship lay along from East to West, with the back or Keel to the N^{o}. ward, that is to the Shore, and her Decks or Inside, to the Southward, It seems to me that the Sea Continually beating upon her Inside, at last broke the side & then what was in her, falling out, she remained without any ballast, and so being very light she arrose and began to swim, but afterwards filling with water she again sunck, and so it did severall times, this is what I Judge to be the reason, but God knows the truth.

On the 15th. I was told the wreck remained in the same manner, and that still there came ashore, at Cavalaor some peices of Cloth,

On the 16t . I was told the two Poolas Govrs. of those Parts, came there and that they gathered togather, abundance of people to haul the ship a Shore, and to provide necessarys for that purpose,

For this reason on the 17th. I sent a trusty fellow with orders to return again the 18th. wth. advice of what passed, but to day being the 19th. he is not as yett, come, if he brings any news of importance shall send it by another Cooly,

On the 18th. recd a Letter from those parts, in wch. they advise me, that the two Poolas, with the people they got togather hauled and pulled at such a rate, that they pulled the wreck with the very keel ashore, and that within (tis said) was found some Lead, Musquetts, pistolls and swords, also four Chests of Silver, and a Large barr of Gold. Insomuch that the whole Ship is now ashore, but wth. this these peoples desires are not satisfyed nor never will,

Also I was told that they have gott another anchor and that the 2 Poolas remaining at the sea side, have ordrd. the Keel & other part of the ship to be cutt up, to gett the Iron & what elce they can find, between the plank & ceiling except those two Guns they got at the beginning they have got no more.

No. 83

Relation of Ship Neptune from ye. 19th. to ye. 21st. August 1704.
By Padre Hieronimo Telles Rector of the Jessuits at Carriapm.

I have wrote that they hauled the wreck ashore and that they found in her severall things, But now I perceive according to the advices I have received since they have found in her nothing but a place like a well, shutt with a cover of plank, secured with a chain and Padlock, the Poolas imediately ordered it to be opened, with Hatchets, and within tis said was found 4 Divisions, in each of which was a Large Ingot of Silver, each of which was as much as 2 men cod. lift likewise they found 4 barrs of Gold of severall sizes, between the Ceiling, and Ribbs of the Ship, wch. suppose was beat in there by the force of the Sea, also between the seems of the plank they found some Dollars, likewise some scattered up and down at the bottom in all about 500 Dollars also 11 Piggs of Lead, all these things were immediately sent to Ridaburao insomuch that on the 17th. they cut up the Ship, and what was in her, and on the 18th. they cutt up the Plank &ca. to gett the Nails. Recd 10th. Sepr. 1704.

On the 19th. they sent the ffishermen to dive, and gott what they could out of the Sea, but the poor fellows knowing they should gett nothing for their pains but blows, said they could find nothing, On the 20th. the Poolas sent for the ffishermen of the other Towns, who came and dived brought up a parcell of Iron hoops & nailes, with other things of little vallue, but tis said it will all amot. to abot. 2000 fans. for which reason the Poolas were very angry with the ffishermen and threatned to chastise them, If they would not dive and take up every thing, but for all these threats the ffishermen are resolved not to show them any thing of vallue.

On the 21st. they Dived again, but am not as yet informed what they took up, but the fishermen say that very nigh the Shore lyes 2 Guns, and a little further they say the have touched a Chest with their feet, and severall other things the 4th. Anchor they got is a small one, and there is still another Large one in the Sea, 'tis to be feared the Poolas will gett up every thing, because they use all the Dilligence and means that is possible.

I have understood since that the 2 Guns they got at first they have sent to Cottato also that in the wreck they found a Large Chest, but they would not show what was in it, Likewise the fishermen say that wth. their feet ℘ceive something like a Large Chest, undr. water very nigh the Shore.

No. 84

ANJENGO Y[E]. 17TH. AUG[ST]. 1704.

TO THE HON[BLE]. THOMAS PITT ESQ[R].
GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE
R[T]. HONO[BLE]. UNITED COMPANY TRADEING
TO THE EAST INDIES IN FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

S[RS].

Recd 3d. Sep[r]. 1704. The foregoing is Copy of mine of the 30th. June, since which the Inclosed advices have been sent by the Padre Rector of Carriapatam to his Worp, w[ch]. has occasioned him to resolve to send down a Vessell to hinder y[e]. natives working on the wreck, & intends her departure in 15 or 20 days, which with his leave I will accompany & therein omitt nothing I am Capable of for the recovery of the R[t]. Hon[ble]. Comp[as]. Treasure & Effects, This expedition in all probabillity appearing to mee the only means that can be put in execution for y[e]. preservation of what remains in and near the wreck till the season of the year gives leave for assistance in order to its recovery, of which there is no doubt or at least of the greatest part I am with due respects,

Your Hono[r]. &c[as]. most Obedient
and Humble Servant

JOHN LESTLY.

Before the Incloseing the above other advices arriveing w[ch]. his Worp. herewith sends you concerning the wreck hastened his intentions of sending down the Companys Monchew, and accordingly she was put in to the Sea on the 13th. Instant, but could not gett over the Surff, haveing suffered very much in the Attempt, and was with great difficulty saved, all dilligence is used to repair her, which will be 10 days in doing or at Least before any hopes of getting her off, you will receive a more particular account from his Worp. to which I referr you and remaine

Your Hono[r]. &c[as]. most Obedient
Humble Servant
JOHN LESTLY.

No. 85

TO THE HONO[BLE]. THOMAS PITT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HONO[BLE]. UNITED
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, ON THE COAST
OF CHORMANDELL, AND GOVERNOUR OF FFORT S[T].
GEORGE & S[T]. DAVID &C[A]. COUNCIL.

HONO[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Recd 15th. Sep[r]. 1704 ℘ Pattamar. Wee have before us to answer your Hono[r]. &c[as]. of the 4th. Instant, which came to hand the 8th. and Last night late Yours of the 7th. w[ch]. accompanied the Ten Thousand Pagodas under the care of Kisnadaus and 20 Peons, Which according to your Direction was mett with the like number of Ours at conimeer, and is arrived with us in safety, without meeting any Molestation or Hinderance on the Road,

Duplicates of our Generall Books Letter B shall be sent your Hono[r]. &c[a]. as soon as Copyed, which will be in very few days,

Wee could not prevail with Capt[tn]. Gostlin to take in the Prisoners, Therefore according to your permission shall embrace the first good opportunity of a boat to send them,

Wee assure your Honor. &ca. that wee wont fail to exert the utmost of our abillitys to conclude this Contract upon the best terms, wee are able, Wee are sencible that delay may be of evil consequence to our Masters Affairs, therefore shant fail continually to press the Merchants to such a Conclusion, as is reasonable, You are sencible how Stubborn and delatory these people are & that they require many meetings to be prevailed upon to accept such prizes as Consists with our Masters Interest to give, Wee have reason to hope shall in very few days be able to Compleat this business to their advantage, Your Honor. &cas. satisfaction and our own Credit, And wee assure you the sortment of the Cloth shall be with all the exactness possible,

Wee are sensible of the great Tonage you have upon your hands to dispatch in February, and that the Unfortunate Loss of the Neptune very much disables your Honor. &ca. from provideing a Sufficient quantity of goods for the same for wch. reason if you are pleased to direct a greater quantity of Course Goods then is mentioned in your Honor. &cas. Letter of the 11th. Augst. last, Wee request you will please speedily to send us the particulars thereof, for we are now a treating up on the List ordered in said Letter. The Muster of ordinary Sallampores wee recd with the Betteelas and for the fine you have directed us to sort by that of our Old Masters, The Muster of Neckcloths shall be sent as soon as wee receive it, with the Lowest price thereof.

Wee earnestly request you won't fail to send us some washers, for wee shall be in great want of them,

Wee observe you had recd our Bill payable Somiah for Pags. 491. 18 fans. The two Bills for Pags. 56 was omitted to be put in the Letter but now comes Inclosed,

Inclosed wee recd Invoice for two Chests of Medicines, and one of Factors provisions Loaden on board Mahmud Tahir's ship, who is this day arrived.

The Deputy Governour and Council for the United Trade have this day given their Bill upon your Honor. &ca. for Pags. one thousand three hundred twenty seven Twenty three fanams and three Cash, being for the like sume recd into the United Company Cash here, Which being the needfull, with our due respects wee crave leave to Subscribe.

Fort St. David — Honoble. Sr. &ca.

September ye. 11th. 1704. — Your most humble Servants

Gabriel Roberts.
Edmd. Mountague.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

No. 86

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &ca. Council for Affairs of the
United Trade of the Honoble. English Compa.
Tradeing to the East Indies.

Sr.

Since my last of the 16th. Ulto. here has nothing happened worth your notice, this serveing only to accompany the Pacquet herewith, wch. I recd from Sr. Nicholas Wait &ca. Council 3 days since, I did think to have delivered it with my own hands, but the Yatch being still detained in Maddapollam River by Contrary winds, do now send the Packet ꝑ Peons. Recd 18th. Sepr. 1704 ꝑ Pattamar.

My last Letter advised of my design to come to ffort St. George over Land, but wee haveing had a great deal of Rain Since, and the Yatch lying ready within

Maddapollam River I concluded it wod. be safer comeing by her, and less charge, but the Westerly winds still Continuing hinders her comeing out when she arrives at this place I shall dispatch her with all possible Expedition hopeing to come in her my self and to pay my respects to your Honor. &cas. being.

Srs.

METCHLEPATAM, Your most humble Servant,

yE. 6TH. 7BR. 1704. WM. TILLARD.

P.S.—Since writeing the above it has pleased God to take from us Mr. Daniel Cole, who dyed this afternoon about 3 a clock, after a long Sickness.

WM. TILLARD.

No. 87.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&cA. COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED TRADE OF THE HONOBLE.
ENGLISH COMPANY TRADEING TO INDIA.

GENTLEMEN.

Recd. 19th Sepr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar Via Metchlepm.

The Precedent is Copy of what wrott you the 31st. last May in wch. month arrived the Severn & Scarborough Men of Warr Captn. Richards, and Fowl's wth. their Eldest Levts. and upwards of 100 men dead, both sickly ships at B bay Comanded now by Captn. Rr. Harland, the 2d. Leiut. of the Severn, and the Like in the Scarborough.

2. Wee are sorry being exerted enclosing you the severall untoward Letters, the Depty. Governr. of Bombay sd. Captn. Harland, and Captn. R Pye Comdrs. of the Josia in service of the Court of Managers for ye. United Trade has severally wrote this Government and Merchants with the Govrs. answer to the formers, exaguating these people publickly proclaiming over this Citty, the Port being therein threatned with warr, and Seizures, when they have not Injured the English, or New Company, on the New Stock of both Companys made one, but now Comenc't, appears plain to be names invented avoiding any Satisfaction wt. the Old ffactory owes them wch. in a Solemn meeting of the most Principall tradeing Merchants, those agreived particularly sett forth in writeing under their Seals, what Ships, and goods had been taken from them in generall Childs warr, still unadjusted, and upward of twenty Merchants putting their Seals to a Second Declaration, the Merchants of Industan has Lost, and been taken from them by the Hattmen one Hundred and forty Lack of Rupees, both wch. papers Abdull Guffore, & others delivered the Governour in Publick, our Barr or Council, Transmitted the Mogull, and the severall Umbras, wherein they say are willing to remitt said last demand, their trade being secured from Pyrats such Hydra of Evils to all Commerce, shall never by any act of ours be incumbered, in prejudice to the future Trade, or any one of our Countrymen.

3. All Europeans as well as others in Surat, agree Honoble. Adjustments might have been obtained before and since our resideing in this City, had the many opportunity been truly propenct and improved, for the Interest of that Honoble. Society.

4. The Mogulls orders upon ye. Merchants declaration, and representations of this Governour and Officers are expected down in 15 days, the Lascarree being incampt within 4 days Cossets of Surat, part of the Army haveing seized one of the savagees fforts in the Mountains, two days from Bombay, & this Govr. has by the Kings order, sent an officer about 14 days past to Damon, Bassin, and thence to Goa Notyfying Warr, if He did not imediately restore two Arrab Merchants Ships of

Muscat, taken at Anchor last Season, under protection before this barr, how these Severall matters may be accomodated, or if the Mogull conquers the Low Country Affect Bombay, your side or Bengall, you shall not want being informed w[tt]. comes to our knowledge by Cossets, or the most expeditions and safe, Conveyance that offers,

5. Wee desire you'l forward the Inclosed Packet by first Ship to the Court of Mannagers, and the Severall private Letters as directed for England.

6. The Denegall Cap[tn]. Cliff for the United Trade Lost her Passage to Moco arrivd the 8th. Ins[t]. at Bombay, writeing us he came out in Company the 13th. February with the China Ships, and those to your Coast, where no doubt will arrive before this months out, excuses our telling you when without Europe Letters, they left S[r]. George Rooke off the Coast of Portugall the Arch Duke on board, with many Transport Ships, carrying 16,000 Soldiers to Assist the King of Portugall and Grandees of Spain, placeing said Prince on that Thrown,

The Westmerland taken up for this side was to sail Last March when she arrives, you shall have what she brings, and the like will not doubt but you'l Comunicate to

Gentlemen,

Surat July y[e]. 28th. 1704.

Your Affectionate ffreinds &

humble Servants

N. Wait.
W[m]. Proby.
Jer. Bonnel, *Jun[r]*.

P.S.—Wee are Just now Informed a Huckum or order is come from the King signed Asset Cawn, Closer continuing the imprisonment of S[r]. John Gayer & Council till the severall Merchants declares before the Cadjee to be satisfyed, and paid, then sent to the King.

N. Wait.
W[m]. Proby.
Jer. Bonnel, *Jun[r]*.

No. 88.

To the Hono[ble]. Thomas Pitt Esq[r].
President for Affairs of the R[t]. Hono[ble].
United English East India Company,
On the Coast of Chormandell and Govern[r].
of Fort S[t]. George & S[t]. David &c[a]. Council.

Hono[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].

Since our last to you Hono[r]. &c[a] which was dated the 11th. Instant Wee have had several meeting with our Merchants, & last night late wee came to a Conclusion with them for the prizes of those Goods last ordered by your Hono[r]. &c[a]. Which after a long rangling debate are to be the same as agreed for in the Fifty Thousand Pagodas Contract, except only the Two thousand peices of Longcloth fine, w[ch]. is to be but at Sixty Pagodas a Corge the head Number, and finding it your Hono[r]. &c[as]. Intention, [to] Increase the Course goods, and Lessen the fine Wee have prevailed with our Merchants to strike off Three Thousand peices of Betteelas and add to the Long cloth ordinary Two Thous[d]. peices, and to the Sallampores ordinary Three Thous[d]. peices, Our Payment for these goods is to be in the same manner as directed in your Hono[r]. &c[as]. Letter to us of the 11th. August last, and the Merchants are obliged to Rec[d] 19th. Sep[r]. 1704 ℣ Pattamar.

bring in the Cloth the same Number of Punguems, as in the Musters, and to deliver us to the amount of Eighty Thousand Pagodas to be ready for the January Shipping, and the remainder in May following, All which wee presume, will meet your Hono^r. &c^as. approbation for it has been with great trouble and pains wee have perswaded them to these conditions,

Wee have now by us in Cash of the Companys about thirty thousand Pagodas, which will goe but a little way in this business, therefore hope you won't fail to keep us, continually supplyed that wee may pay the Merchants for their Cloth as fast as they bring it in, or otherwise it will be impossible for them to comply with the quantity before mentioned, For since it is the Hono^ble. Managers orders that no mony must be Issued out to the Merchants beforehand, All the stock they could possible raise is but Twenty Thousand Pagodas, the Major part of which must remain in the Weavors hand for provideing of goods, as your Hono^r &c^a. are very sensible, so that unless wee have mony to pay for the goods as fast they bring it in, It will be a a great hinderance in this business, Wee can depend upon no opportunity of drawing any from hence, therefore hope you will please to imbrace this fair season of sending us a supply before the rains sett in, and speedily dispatch to us, all the Washers you can possibly spare for wee han't above fifty belonging to this place.

Wee have rec̃d y^e. two chests of Medicines & box of Factors provisions out of Mahmud Tahirs ship, Besides wch. he has sent on shore seventeen Bales of broad Cloth, wch. he says belongs to the Company, of which wee have rec̃d no acco^t. We have not to add but our respects and crave leave to subscribe

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Fort S^t. David — Your most humble Serv^ts.

September y^e. 16th. 1704.

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^d. Mountague.
Vices^s. Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.

No. 89.

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t. Hono^ble. United English East India Company, On the Coast of Chormandell, And Governour of Fort S^t. George & S^t. David &c^a. Council.

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Rec̃d 26th. Sepr 1704 ℘ Boat.

Last night wee rec̃d your Hono^r. &c^a. dated y^e. 18th. and 19th. wch. shall be particularly be answered in a day or two,

This is only to accompany the persons & Witnesses concerned in the Death of Francisco de Pinà, Whose names are as ℘ Inclosed List, who wee now send upon a Country Boat, under the care of Corporall Picker, their Examinations taken here was

sent your Honor. &ca. some time since, Wee also send your Honor. &ca. by the Conveyance, Duplicates, of the Generall Books of this Garrison Letter B and Copy of those Letter L belonging to our Old Masters Which being the needfull wee crave leave to Subscribe

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

FORT ST. DAVID,
SEPTEMBER YE. 24TH. 1704.

Your most humble Servants

GABL. ROBERTS.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE
VICES. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 90.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM KITTEE NARRAIN TO YE PRESIDT, &CA. COUNCIL, DATED 5TH SEPR. 1704

The 21st of August took leave of Your Honour &ca. and embarkt the same day, when four days after had not a breath of wind, on the 5th. meet with a strong land wind, wth. wod. not permitt us to keep the Coast on board, ' till we arrived at Vizagapatam, which was on the 2d. of Septembr. Mr. ffaucets Boat mett with the same misfortune, The Boat the Presidts. Coppers on board is not yett, arrived, I can't yett gett Pallankeen Coolys here to goe overland to Metchlepatam, but in two or three days Mr. Holcombe has promised to procure mee some after my arrival at Metchlepatam, shall write your Honor. &ca. more fully. Recd 29th. Sepr.

No. 91.

TO YE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY,
ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL, AND GOVR.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CA COUNCILL

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to your Honor. &ca. was dated the 24th Instant, and accompanyed the persons and Witnesses concerned in the Death of Francisco de Pina, who wee had comitted to the care of Corporal Picar, But the Tandell of the Boat refuseing to carry them for fear of any accident Wee were forced after the closeing of our Letter to send Serjeant Brooks; with four other Men, who wee request you will please to return us again, Recd Pmo Octor 1704.

Wee have recd your Honor &cas of the 18th. and 21st. Instant the latter of which came to hand last night with the Tenn Thousand Pagodas.

We observe your Honor. &ca have been pleased to approve of the Contract wee last made wherein wee used our best endeavours for the Compas. Interest, and since the Merchts. are obliged to Issue out their own mony, and tyed up to such a Number of Pungeums, in the Contract Wee think it much better terms then the last Contract of Fifty Thousand Pagodas, wee will do all wee can to perswade the Merchants to a great quantity of Course goods then is Contained in said Contract, and as near as wee can possible keep to the quantity ordered in your Letter, and wee hope ye Merchts. will be able to bring in such a quantity of goods for ye. Janry.

Shipping as will be satisfactory, but that entirely depends upon your keeping of us well supplyed with mony, to pay for the same as fast as they bring it in, What they have already brought in is mostly long cloth ordinary and Sallampores, and to the amt. of about Fifteen Thousand Pags. upon accot. of the Twenty Thousand Pagodas Contract, wch. they are obliged to Compleat in next month, but believe they will be able to do it much sooner,

Wee never had but Thirty washers from Madrass, on the Compas. Accot. and those were all returned again except three or four, who remain here, and unless you will please to spare us some Washers, it will be impossible for those we have (wch. are not above fifty) to wash half ye. Cloth of these Investment, and therefore request your Honor. &cas, order what quantity must be pack't up brown, Wee have sent to Ponticherry Porto Novo and all round us to gett all the Washers wee can, but as yett none are come notwithstanding our pay is something more then what they receive in other places,

Both your Pacqts. to the Honoble. United Company were forwarded as soon as wee recd them to Trincombar,

It was after the Dispatch of our Generall Letter that the Deputy Govr. recd the Honoble. ye. Presidts. advise that the seventeen Bales of Broad Cloth belonged to particular Merchants, Whose ffactors have been here to demand them, to whom they shall be delivered,

Wee observe you have recd the two Bills for 56 Pags. belonging to Somiah, & that you will be pleased to comply with our Bill for Pags. 1327. 23 fa. 3 Ca. Persuant to your Directions wee have this day given our Bill upon your Honor. &ca. for 2500 Pags. being for the like Sume recd out of our Old Masters Cash in July last,

Suncha Rama's Bill upon Pola Chitte for Pags. 1000 wee have recd, and shall Credit your Accot. for the same,

Wee constantly keep a good look out and shall be sure imediately to advise your Hono. &ca. if any ship arrives in Pondichery Road, and the great ship wch. ye. master of the Sloop that came from Pollicatt saw off Annore wee believe was a large Dutch Ship wch. passed by here few days since and by advices from said Ship Wee here (*sic*) she was bound from Batavia to Ceylone, But was drove Down to the No. ward by hard winds and Strong Currants, Which wth. our Due respects is the needfull from

HONOBLE SR. &CA.

Your most humble Servts.

FORT ST. DAVID
SEPTEMBER YE. 27TH. 1704

GR. ROBERTS.
E. MOUNTAGUE.
VICESS. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.

No. 92.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FFORT ST.
GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL,

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last was under the 17th of Augt. and upon the 5th. Instant wee recd your Letter Dated ye 8th. of August, wherein you Comunicate your Resolution to send us two small Vessells, with Soldiers arms &ca and mony to maintain them, and besides them you have written to Bengall, for one of their sloops, which you design also to send to our assistance for recovery of the Treasure Lost in the Neptune,

Recd 2d October 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

These Resolutions of your Hono^r^. &c^a^. are grounded upon the opinion you had that the bottom of the Neptune, would have been kept fast and imoveable, by the great weight of Lead and other heavy Goods that were in it, but by our last you'l understand, that the case is altered, and that the Lead and every thing elce being shaken by the tumbling of the Surff, out of the bottom of the wreck, it floated off its self, and was hauled ashore by the Natives, who found in it a Little Lead, but according to the best information wee can obtain wee do not beleive they gott any of the Chested mony, but that it remains all in the Sea,

Now it is greatly to be feared that the Chests by the Continual working of the Sea, may be buried under the sand and Lost, the certainty of which wee can't as yett discover, because the weather has been hitherto so bad, and the Sea so high, that wee durst not attempt to Launch the Monchew a Second time, but to morrow if it please God wee shall put her in the water, and send her to Mannacoree with all speed, where Captn. Lestly will use his endeavours to hinder the Indians takeing up any thing and also to serch and Discover, what hope there may be of saveing the Treasure, of wch. we shall advise your Hono^r^. &c^a^. as soon as possible.

If the forces which your Hono^r^. &c^a^. shall send us upon those two Ships, be not sufficient to enable us to Land at Manacoree, they must remain useless in this ffort, till the Bengall vessell arrives.

Wee do not understand that since the Date of our last, the Natives have recovered any thing out of the Sea, but remain in expectation of better weather,

Wee hear that the troubles at Suratt are likely to swell to a greater highth then ever, and therefore wee doubt the Generall &c^a^. will hardly be at Liberty to take their own measures, upon occasion of the wreck of the Neptune,

Enclosed is a Pacquet for the Hono^ble^. Court of Managers, which wee pray you to forw^d^. by the first opportunity, Wee respectfully take Leave and remain,

Hono^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

ANJENGO,

SEP^R^ YE. 9TH. 1704

Your most humble and most

Obedient Servants,

J. BRABOURN.
SIMON COWSE.
W^M^. KYFFIN.

No. 93

ANJENGO Y^E^. 7TH SEP^R^. 1704.

HONO^BLE^. S^RS^.

Yours of the 8th Aug^st^. came to hand the 4th Instant, your resolutions therein have given new Life to mee, who am now going to put his Worp. Brabourns orders in Execution, and will not fail to the utmost of my Power, a full compliance thereto in every respect and I have no manner of Dread but the pains and charge of this Expedition, will be well repayed. wch. with my most humble service Concludes the present from, RECD 2D OCTOR 1704 ℘ PATTAMAR.

Your Hono^rs^, most humble Servant

JOHN LESTLY.

No. 94

VIZAGAPATAM YE. 11TH. SEPBR. 1704.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONOBLE. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONOBLE &CA.

RECD 3D OCTOBER 1740 ℘ PATTAMARS

The St. George ffriggat importing here the pmo. Instant brought us the Honor. of yours of the 15th. Ulto. adviseing your haveing Laden on her, Treasure Broad Cloth &cas. all wch. wee have recd, and passed to Account in Conformity,

Wee observe the arrivall of the Martha and the several casualtys she mett with in her Passage, which wee are sorry for, and heartily Condole the miserable misfortune of the Neptune, hopeing better Success will attend our Masters Affairs for the future.

As to your orders relateing to an Investment, wee seriously and Largely Consulted about them and at last finding them Morally impossible to be complyed with in this Country, wee thought of two evils twas best to choose the Least, which wee esteem'd a breach thereof, rather then to Lett the Compas. mony lye Dead, and therefore contracted wth. our Merchants as ℘ the Copy of sd. agreement enclosed, which hope will meet with your approbation, especially having thereby putt off the Europe Cloth. which you so strenuosly pressed us to effect,

The Cloth shall have to each piece affixed a ticket, mentioning the number of threads it contains, according to your Direction, and there shall be no care wanting, in the washing, sorting & embaleing of it,

The Gunnys shall be sent ℘ first opportunity according to your order,

Mr. ffaucet and Narrain the Dubash being by distresse of weather drove by the Port of Metchlepatam, put in here, and came on shore the 3d. Instt. and requesting us to assist them with boats &ca to Land heir goods, wee accordingly did it, as also with Pallankeens, Peons, Coolys &ca. to proceed overland & for what further relates thereto, wee referr you to their own Letters, both promiseing to write at large of their disappointmt. and Affairs,

Wee desire your Honor. &ca. to send us a Seale for the United Compas. Accot. & wishing yor. Honor. &ca. all imaginable Health and prosperity concludes at ℘ sent from

Honoble. &ca.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THO. STABLES.
ROBT. CRANWELL.

Our Dyary and Consultation as far as the 4th. Instant accompany this

No. 95

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

RECD 3D. OCTOBER 1704 ℘ PATTAMAR.

This is the first opportunity I have mett with of giveing an Accot. how wee drove by and missed our Port, which was in the following manner, on the 24th. past month wee Anchored at Kisnapatam the 27th. near Ramapatam, the Vizagapatam Boat and another (which wee since understood Kittee Narrain was in) was a League or more to the Eastward, this day ye. Westerly wind blew hard, and our Tandell,

Ventured his Old rotten, and only sail out so long that 'twas blown all to peices, in the Evening that night and the next day wee had hard blowing weather and enough of tumbleing this time was spent with all the dilligence imaginable, in patching up a sail, composed of such linning thread &c^{a}. as was procureable amongst us passengers, in the Evening the weather was moderate, and wee hoisted up our new sayle, and by the Changeing of the water wee Judged our selves near Due Island, and the Tandell questioned not but to be at an Anchor in Metchlepatam Road in two or three hours, but tho Land wind blowing hard again this night, wee were off of Nasapore point, the next morning and found we drove much to the E w^{d}. the Sea run high and the weather looked bad, and the Boatmen without any Courage in a dispairing Condition, altogather regardless which way they went partly ocasioned by our driveing out of sight of land but cheifly I suppose for want of water, Wee Passengers out some life into them again by giveing them some mony, with which they made an offering for a fair wind, and they minded their steering and the sail which, continually wanted mending in their manner we continued, endeavouring what wee could to make the Land. till the 2^{d}. Instant, which wee saw in the morning abo^{t}. 20 miles to the s^{o}. ward of Vizagap^{m}. wee were then reduced to the last extreamity, 2 or 3 men lay a Dying, the rest not a Drop of water left, ye 3^{d}. in the morning wee arrived in Vizagap^{m}. Road and in the Evening Kittee Narrain also, 2 days after the other Boat with Copper which had a new sail, our Tandell refuscing to return to Metchlepatam I gott what mony he was able to pay back wch. he had recd for freight being 7¼ Pag^{s} & thought it most adviseable to take out the Companys Goods, & leave them with M^{r}. Holcombe to be put on board the Humphry and Charles or Samuel, both wch. Ships were hourly expected from Ganjam bound for Metchlepatam, and p^{d}. him the same freight.

I first resolved to come hither by Sea with them till M^{r}. Holcombe had advice that there was troubles at Ganjam, and likewise from Metchlep^{m}. that M^{r}. Tillard waited for our arrivall there, being ready to goe to Madrass, and considering my Passage by sea depended upon the monsoon, made me hasten by Land hither, the rivers were difficult to Pass, arrived not here till last night, and left Vizagapatam the 8th. with Kittee Narrain who I left at Maddapollam, Here I find M^{r}. Tillard in a readiness to goe to Madrass by Land, and the Comp^{as}. Yatch arrived here but 3 days agoe, I have well considered your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. orders ab^{t}. dispatching her to Madrass, which made mee this day gett all ready which was ordered to put on board her, but after all am at a Loss, what to do, M^{r}. Tillard delivers her up to be dispatcht by mee, the Master of her Judges it to near the Monsoon and advices not to venture to send her being small not being able to ride out a Storm,

It is reported here that ffuckeerla Cawn has gott this Country & Midda Cawn Beeg made Suba of Gulcondah

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

METCHLEPATAM

7^{BR}. Y^{E}. 20TH. 1704

Your most Obedient hum^{ble}.

Servt.

THOM^{s}. FFAUCETT.

P.S. I have included a paper that the Tandell signed to before M^{r}. Holcombe when he refused to go to Metchlepatam

T.ff.

No. 96

FROM KITTEE NARRAIN DATED SEPR. 19TH. 1704
TO THE HONOBLE. YE. GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL

Recd 3d. Octor. 1704.

I Lately wrote your Honor. &ca. of my safe arrivall at Vizagapatam where I recd great kindness and assistance from Mr. Holcombe, Twas a Little chargeable the bringing the Treasure overland to Maddapollam, where I now am, I find the Merchants have some fine Longcloth & Sallampores abot. which shall discourse them, Wee shall in a few days be at Metchlepatam wn. will write you at Large.

No. 97

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT &CA. COUNCIL

HONBLE. SIR &CA.

Recd 14th. Octobr. 17 04 ℔ Wm. Tillard Esqr.

The 30th. Instant I wrote your Honor. &ca. of my arrivall here, from Vizagapatam, and how wee were drove by this place, and that I had thought of dispatching the Yatch away to Madrass, but the Monsoon Time being near, and the Master of her being of the Opinion, that such a small Vessell (being not above 25 Tons) was not fitting to goe at this Season, a Dutch sloop abot. 70 Tons bound for Negapatam for the same reason, was 5 or 6 days agoe ordered by their Chief here, in to Maddapollam river upon these Considerations I thought it best to get the Yatch into the river, which I hope will be approved of by your Honor. &ca.

I have looked over the Old Companys Dead Stock in this ffactory, and find it agree wth. the List, and Mr. Tillard has delivered most of the New Compas. except what is in the Stewards possession wch. I shall receive at his Departure hence and that at Maddapollam he orders Mr. Duke, ffaunce to deliver mee after he goes, An accot. of all which with a List of Stores belonging to the Vessells shall be sent your Honr. &ca. as soon as possible.

Mr. Tillard has desired the Old Compas. Maddapollam State Pallankeen to goe himself in to Madrass, I have thought ffitting to Lett him have it, being that 'tis ordered to be sent up, wch. he is to deliver with a Large Silver Tossell, & 18 small ones, bedding &ca. wth. an ordinary Pallankeen Chints bedding &ca. yt. belonged to the new Company, & 20 Damers for his use by the way,

Mr. Wood the Master of ye. Yatch has desired his discharge, that he may goe to Madrass to gett his wages, and after is willing to return in the service hither if your Honor. &ca. pleases, One Thoms. Chapman master of the ffly was entertained at 6 Pags. ℔mens and has a mouths pay due, he desires to goe to Madrass to take charge of the Yatch, & 12 Pags. ℔ month as Mr. Wood had, there is 12 Lascars belonging to all the Compas. vessells each man has recd one months pay advance the 20th past moth. please to send your orders abot. them.

About 20 days agoe the New Companys Merchants Lodged their Callicoes of severall sorts in this ffactory Godowns, and Mr. Tillard had put in all their Goods for sail likewise, and Mr. ffaunce had his Lodgings in this ffactory when I arrived Mr. Baker and Mr. Jaxon designs to come in when Mr. Tillard is gone.

The Southerly winds still continues so that none of Mr. Holcombes Vessells are arrived here, the ffrench have ordered a Parr into Maddapollm. river that lately arrived here for wth. Monsr. fflaucceurs Brother & 2 more ffrench men, who were in want of Victualls and water, have left Ponticherry the 26th. Ulto. & were 17 days upon the Sea 5 or 6 of wch. they Rode, at Anchor off of Due Island, Kittee Narrain is still at Maddapollam.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Your most Obedient Servt.

THOMS. FFAUCETT.

METCHLEPATAM
SEPTEMBER YE. 25TH. 1704

No. 98.

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Rresident & Govr. &c^a^. Council

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

The 26th. ulto^o^. here arrived a boat from Madrass, wch. brought advices that your Hono^r^. &c^a^ very much wanted the yatch to send to the Neptunes wreck, thereupon I wo^d^. have dispatched her away, the Master who is said to be a good saylor & Artist, was very willing, but all the Lascars possitively refused to go in her, and said they wo^d^. rather dye here, alledgeing she is so small, & her Deck so Low, that she cant live in Madrass Seas at this Season, they promised to goe after this full moon, and now they tell mee Y^ey^. dare not venture till after the new the flye is not above 5 or 6 Tons, and none will venture in her at this time of year, and as for the Comp^ns^ Country Boat wch is Reckoned to be the best able to endure the Sea, was not in a Condition to goe for want of a Sail haveing only a rotten one all to peices, nor never a Cable fitting for the sea, I have made her a new saile and am makeing her a new Cable here being none to be bought, and shall put the Timber in her, and fill her up with the Companys firewood, I had a new Graplin for the Yatch, which she wanted, and Kyer to make the Cable, of the new Company. Recd 16th. Octor. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

Hono^ble^. S^r^.

Your most Obedient Servt.

Tho. ffaucett.

Metchlepatam,
Octo^br^. y^e^. 3^d^. 1704.

The Comp^as^. Goods in y^e^. Humphry and Charles are not arrived, but I had yesterday advice that the Ship is gott on this side Maddap^m^.

No. 99.

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President &c^a^. for Affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United English East India Company, On the Coast of Chormandell, and Governour of ffort S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^. Council.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Wee have rec̃d yours of the 7th. adviseing the safe arrival of the Prisoners concerned in the Death of Francisco de Pina, The Witnesses was not kept in Irons when here, nor should have been sent in that manner on the Boat but that the Tandell refused carrying them without it, fearing some accident might happen Serjeant Brooks with the Corporall and men are returned and with them Serjeant Brannock, who wee shall entertain as such, Wee are sorry Serjeant De Bane has acted any thing to disoblige the Hono^ble^. President. Recd 18th. October 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

Wee are glad to hear that Duplicates of our Generall Books Letter B and Coppy of Letter L belonging to our Old Masters is arrived in safety,

Inclosed wee rec̃d Sunca Ramas two Bills of Exchange on Poola Chittee for Pag^s^. Two Thousand, which he has promised payment of in few days, when shall Credit your Account for the same.

Our Merchants have had the strictest injunction Laid upon them, wee possibly can to bring in good Cloth, and by what they have already brought in, wee hope they will perform it, in the sorting of which wee will be sure strictly to keep them

up to the Musters, you have sent us, They have now brought in to the amount of Thirty Thousand Pag^{s}. and upwards, and wee hope will Comply with the quantity of goods contracted for by the Latter end of January, and if you are pleased to keep us constantly supplyed with mony to pay for the Goods as fast as they bring them in, and that the Merchants [may] with no delay therein, Wee have reason to home [*sic*] they will by that time compleat both the Investm^{ts}. Which will amo^{t}. to upwards of One hundred, and Twenty Thousand Pag^{s}.

Wee await y^{e}. supply of mony your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. is pleased to promise us, Which wee hope will be a large one, for now is the time the Merch^{ts}. must Issue out their own mony to have the Cloth bro^{t}. in early enough for January, and what wee have already recd won't half pay what wee have Contracted for, Wee are very sorry to hear your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. Can't supply us with washers, the want of which wee fear will very much detard the Investment, wee have done all wee can to get some from y^{e}. adjacent Towns but hitherto we have not procured above Twenty besides our owne, so that our whole number is abo^{t}. Seventy, and allow each man to wash one peice of Cloth a day, will be about Two Thousand peices in a month, by which your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. may plainly see it is impossible for the washers wee have in time to wash the Cloth of this Investment, so that wee cant perceive but there is an absolute necessity wee pack up some brown Cloth, and if so, wee think it much better as the Cloth comes in, to embale that which is clean, and clear from Spotts, then to leave it to the last, when perhaps wee may be disappointed, & the Cloth that will come in in the rainy season, not Clean and propper, however wee shall act as your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to give Us direction.

Wee observe you have been pleased to comply with the payment of our Bill for Pag^{s}. Two Thous^{d}, five hundred, to the Hono^{ble}. the President and Council for the Separate Affairs of the old Company.

The same morning the French Ship sailed the Deputy Governour sent the President advice thereof, Wee dont hear she went to sea wth. any more men then her owne compliment, But its very likely she's gone to the Streights of Mallacca, but being a small Ship will hardly venture upon any thing but Country Vessells.

Persuant to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. direction M^{r}. Richard ffarmer was yesterday called up into Consultation, and took his place as seventh Wee hope his deportment will be such as to deserve your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. favour and Continuance therein, After which wee proceeded to appoint every man his particular station as yor. Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. directed us in your Generall Letter of the 16th. ffeb^{ry}. 10th. wth. wch. every one seemed sattisfyed, and promised his faithfull and delligent execution thereof, As for M^{r}. Vicessimus Griffith he very willingly accepted of his Employ as Warehouse-keeper, But his present Indisposition, wee are apt to beleive will make him not attend that business, as it should be though he promises he will do his Utmost therein as soon as able so that wee are forced for the present to continue M^{r}. Richard Harrison in that Employment till your further orders, Which with our due respects is the needfull from

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most humble Servants

G. ROBERTS.
E. MOUNTAGUE.
VICES^{S}. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TR. GAMES.
RI. FFARMER.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID,
OCTOBER Y^{E}. 13TH. 1704.

No. 100.

To the Hono^{ble}. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{a}. Council.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our last of which a copy is Inclosed was dated the 9th. Instant, and went by M^{r}. Roberts Peons who wee hope arrived in safety. Recd 24th. October 1704 ℘ Pattamars.

Wee send this for a Cover to the Inclosed Letters between M^{r}. Brabourn and Captn. Lestly, by which you'l understand, that Captn. Lestly is gone down in the Companys Monchew to Manaccoree to hinder the Natives working on the wreck of the Neptune, and to discover what hope there remains of regaining the treasure.

Wee formerly advised your Hono^{r} &c^{a}. y^{t}. the Lead and every thing elce that was heavy, being shaken out of the bottom of the Ship, it floated off itself, and was all to the very keel, hauled ashore by the Natives but Captn. Lestly has sent us other advices, which say y^{t}. it is indeed true, a small part of the Keel, wth. the stern post and dead work, is ashore, but the body of y^{e}. ship (where all the Lead and Treasure was Lodged) lyes very near the Land, in about 9 feet water as you will perceive by his Letters.

Wee hope your Hono^{r}. &c^{ca}. did not upon our last Letters alter your resolutions of sending those succours wee wrote for, for if wee have strength to Land, and keep of the Natives, it would be very hard, if being so near the treasure, wee should not gett (at Least) some of it.

However there is yett time Enough to send us what assistance you please, for December & January are the smoothest months in these parts, & in the mean while wee will take all possible Care, that the Natives shall not take up any thing out of the Sea.

It is absolutely necessary you send us store of good Arm's, Cartouch Boxes, a sufficient quantity of salted provisions, & some Jarrs of Bengall Butter which things are not procureable here.

Wee have rec͠d your Letter of the 22^{d}. Augst. whereunto wee have but little to answer.

It seems to us that thô the Chief &c^{a}. at Carwarr had had Authority to order the Abington to our Assistance yet they could not have done it because after the Death of Captn. Good fellow and Gunn, the men Mutined, and refuseing the 2^{d}. Mate for Com̄ander Elected the 4th. Mate, and detained the 2^{d}. of Carwarr (who was sent to regulate the Disturbance) prison^{r}. aboard the Ship, but as soon as advices came to Bombay, the Josiah was Dispatcht to Carwarr, and carried the Abbington (who had a good deal of Treasure on board) to Bombay.

The Josiah carried our advices about the wreck of the Neptune to Bombay and sailed from Carwarr about the 10th. of August

Wee remain

Anjengo, 30th. Sepr. 1704.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your most humble and most obedient Servants

Jno. Brabourn.
Simon Cowse.
W^{m}. Kyffin.
Ezek^{l} Bodycoat.

Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. knows that delays in such a case as this are Dangerous & will therefore send the Sold^{rs}. you design us, wth. all possible speed.

No. 101.

CAPTN. LESTLYS LETTER TO MR. BRABOURN

FROM ON BOARD THE MONCHEW IN MANNACOREE ROAD SEPR. YE. 20TH. 1704.

WORTHY SR.

RECD. 24TH OCTOBER ℘ PATTAMAR.

Being anchored at Mannacorree the 16th. Instant, abot. 2 in the Afternoon, apply'd myself to be informed of the state of the wreck in order to wch. comanded on board severall ffishermen and examined them, The first Informed that the whole Ship peice by peice came on shore, that the Natives or Poolas had got besides Cloth and Wine &ca. five peices Lead, two Guns, four Anchors some peices of Cables, and small Cordage, but no Silver and that the Poolas, continued here 15 days after the ship being cast away, and then left the further persuit, till the wind and Current turns. The 2d. Affirmed that in the 15 days they had taken up 150 peices of Lead, Guns Anchors, Cables &ca. as above, and four Chests of Silver, the 3d. Affirm'd the comeing ashore of the Keel, the getting Gunns Anchores Cables as above but that they have no Silver.

The 17th. and 18th. Instant seeing part of the ship lye dry on shore sent the Balloon to discover what part it was, and finding no opposition ordered severall to swim on Shore, one of which was an Englishman, wch. Informs that the sternpost is broake near the Gunn Deck, and with it is about 16 foot of the Keel togather with the Dead work and planck, though Shattered and torn, as high ye. ½ of the Lower futtacks, on the off side, the Inside being covered with sand, this part is about about one Ships Length more to the Eastward then when wee left it, you are to observe here that this Bay lyes nearer Et. and by So. & West by North.

The 19th, understanding that the Poolas were come Down, and that they desired to know our business, I sent the Doctor on shore, to Inform them that wee were sent hither, to recover what wee cod. of the wreck, since they wod. not agree to the proposalls made them by your Worp, agreeable to your contract made wth. them at your settling in their Country, on the behalf of the Honoble. English East India Company further adding that they had taken up all the Treasure, but this they denyed and seemed Inclinable to continue in ffriendship with the Honoble. Company and your Worp. offering to give a particular Accot. of what they are possest of or shall gett of the wreck, and say they are willing it should be disposed off, according to their agreemt. with the Compa. further adding that they should be well contented that you wod. send 10 men and Salvadore Lingusist to reside at Manaccoree to Inspect into what they doe offering them courteous Entertainment, till all things, shall be adjusted concerning the wreck, They say that in November the sand will be carryed from the rocks, of which the shore abounds, and the water will be so clear that every thing that is Lodged will be seen an recovred but at the same time show a great Dislike of the Monchews stay here, they have promised to write to your Worp. to whom I have referred them, and in the mean time they have promissed us water.

Sr. Haveing made reflections on the former Informations, the present, and what I now see know not how to conjecture of the present matter of ffact, but haveing swept along shore wch. find it steep too, saw severall rocks on one of which suppose these ship first struck and builged, before she took the shore to strengthen this thought, the ship is broke of as near as can observe from the stern part that lyes now dry 20 foot from the post, where Judge she first struck and broke her Keel, though then she did not separate by reason of the strength of her other work, but when her forepart took the ground (where lay the greater wait) the ship broke of, where she first recd the stroak, Vizt. abot. 20 foot from her stern part, wch. is the part now ashore, The Disappearing of the forepart of the ship, I take to be caused not from its removeall but from the Natives tareing the upper work to peices to gett those Anchors, and Gunns wee have an accot. off, by force of Elephants &ca. and from this really Judge the main body of the ship to lye in the surff, togather with her treasure, Lead, Guns Anchors that where in the hold, none of which is yett come to hand, I am the more fully settled in this opinion, by the Poolas protesting that they have no more than the cloth 2 Guns four Anchors, and other Lumber, as also from

the Informations of the ffishermen, who affirm they have seen no more take up, then you have been already Informed of, it being supposed that the Treasure is still in the Sea, have observed that you have a sufficient strength in Anjengo to procure it when the Season will ℘mitt, for a Vessell may lye within pistoll shott of the shore, and defend all opposition that the Natives will be able to make.

I shall not fail to continue here if can keep the Monchew above water, wch. am afraid shall not long, she is so very weak and unfitt for the sea, I am with due respects

Your Worp^s^. most humble Servant

JOHN LESTLY.

No. 102.

CAPT. LESTLYS LETTER TO MR. BRABOURN.

SR.

What I feared is happened Concerning water our whole stock of Vessell containing no more then for seven days, soe that when wee come to fall out wth. these people wee shall not be able to supply our selves, The nighest place wee can pretend to fetch it at is Ceylone, wch. if good weather the boat will be two days at least each turn, but if any hinderance ℘haps a week, if that sho^d^. happen (which is very likely will) wee shall be forced from our post, therefore desire your Worp. would supply us by some means or other, I return you my hearty thanks for all favours, But more particularly for the Loan of yor. Cloak, which keeps mee from staveing, as does a bowl of Punch from the vissiable apprehentions of drowning, I do declare that to recover my own Loss, I wo^d^. not suffer one nights confinement here, however shall fail in my utmost Duty for the Company, RECD. 24TH OCTOBR 1704 ℘ PATTAMAR.

My humble Service to your Worp, Ladies and Gentlemen concludes the present needfull from

Your Worp.[1] most Obliged hum^ble^. Servn^t^.

JOHN LESILY.

MANNACCOREE,
SEPR. YE. 20TH. 1704.

No. 103.

CAPTN. LEST[LY]S LETTER TO MR. BRABOURN

MANACORE ROAD SEPR. YR. 21ST. 1704.

WORH^LL^. SR.

This morning came on board Cobb & the Merear, wch. yesterday sent to the Poolas to Canatra to see if any thing could be found more then already, we have discovered, as also to sound the Poolas Intentions and find that they resolve to defend the wreck, they now makeing of a platform, between the Portuguez, Church, and the Sea side for that purpose. RECD. 24TH OCTOBR. 1704 ℘ PATTAMAR.

Att Canatra the Messengers saw seven Guns two of which were new, the other not thought to be serviceable,

This day I sent ashore to the Poolas [. . .] if they went forward with these platforms I would take all the ffishermen hear, at Coverlong to the S^o^.ward and at Boughlong to the N^o^ ward, I am impatient to hear your resolutions, and those of ffort S^t^. George, wch. if it sho^d^. be to proceed, it will in my opinion be necessary to send with all Expedition, Your Briggantine, with Supplys of men, provisions and mony, our water being now to be bought out of the Naykas country wch. will take up a great many people, a long time and is hazardous in provideing.

The Madrass Pattamar past this place yesterday pray if any Letters by it for me send them,

I am very apprehensive that this platform will not only hender our further Inspection, but will defend them that they shall have to work on the wreck, I am sure it will if they know how and have courage to make use of their Gunns, however by what I see of the people, should not doubt but to take it from them with sixty men, and maintain the Shore, there is nothing occurred since yesterday, worth troubleing you with concludes the present from

S^R^.

Your most Humble Servants

JOHN LESTLY.

S^R^.

Just at the close of the above, I rec͡d your kind Letter for which I return you my hearty thanks & shall endeavour to merritt a continuance of your favours, God of his Mercy send fair weather, that wee are not forc't from our Post, and then I doubt not but all our pains will be recompenced, the Poolas are now here and want mightily to come to an agreement wth. mee, haveing now rec͡d an Ola to that effect, I have given them fair words, and referr'd them to you, God preserve you in health and prosperity shall be the prayers off

S^R^.

Your Worp^s^. most humble Servant,

JOHN LESTLY.

No. 104.

CAP^TN^. LESTLYS LETTER TO M^R^. BRABOURN

MANACORREE ROAD, SEP^R^. Y^E^. 23^D^. 1704 AT 8 AT NIGHT

WORP^LL^. S^R^.

No. 104 RECD. 24TH OCTOBR. 1704 ℔ PAT^T^AMAR.

On the 20th. and 22^d^. Instant I wrote you what had occurr'd since my comeing to Mannacorree this is yesterday and to days Transactions,

In the Evening yesterday, the Poolas caused to be raised a blind, where the ship was cast away, and where I have always been of opinion, her bottom Lay, wth. the Lead and Treasure, This morning I desired by a Cattamaran they would take it down, but having no answer, took all those that were ffishing, which being examined they enformed it was the Poolas Intention to ffortifie and defend the wreck till the Season wo^d^. permitt to work thereon, and finding they on shore continued their work, after haveing given them warning fired on them, on wch. they all deserted but am afraid the Poolas will force the Country people this night to goe forward with the work, and thereby not only force us from the shore when finished, but cover their working on the wreck, which lyes very near the shore,

The ffishermen say that all is covered with sand and cannot be come at this two months, what credit is to be given to them referr to your Worp as also the means to frustrate the poolas designs of getting all,

A Speedy Inforcement will be very acceptable, and truly I think bare the charge so long as I have powder shott and provision, shall endeavour to keep the Treasure where it is in the sea, & Remain,

S^R^.

Your most humble Servant,

JOHN LESTLY.

No. 105

Mr. Brabourns Letter to Captn. Lestly

Captn. Jno. Lestly

Sr.

I recd last night two Letters from you both written the 20th. Instant from Mannacoree, giving an Acot. of what you have observed, concerning the wreck, and off the Doctors discourse by your order wth. ye. 2 Poolas Recd. 24th October. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

I am of opinion upon wt. you write that none of the chested mony is yett come ashore, but where it is we shall not know till the fair weather comes in, seeing the ground is so foul that you cannot sweep.

Its seems to mee that the Natives can't pretend to dive till the sea abates, and becomes smooth if you find it so, there is no manner of reason, with you shod. soe greatly endanger your person, and all the people that are with you, and the boat as you must do if you resolve to ride out the next full moon in that place, wherefore in my opinion, you ought to secure the Boat, at Tutacarree or any other place, that is nearer, till the full moon is over, and return as soon as you see the weather begins to settle,

I am very glad that you are treating wth. the Poolas, not that I think they will ever give us any mony that they can keep from us, but because being upon good terms wth. them, you'l be the better able to provide your selves with what you want, if they send to mee I shall endeavour to Lengthen out the Treaty without comeing to any conclusion,

I am somewhat troubled that your water should prove so short, wch. I shall endeavour to Remedy as soon as the Balloon returns with the Cask who has been gone two days for Arrack, In the mean time I have forced the cooper to goe to work upon the other Casks, and will send you the first that are ready, if you are forced from your post for want of water I can't help it, neither shall I look upon it as a misfortune, att least not till I see the event, because I have often observ'd that what wee look upon as such, at first, we find afterwards to have been blessings,

Wee have recd a Generall Letter from Madrass, ordering us to send to Tutacorreen Directions to meet those vessells they design us, and wee intend to direct them to follow your Instructions, whether you meet them at Tutacarree, or at Mannaccoree,

I have 2 or 3 Single Letters to you which I do not think fitt to forward by this bearer, as doubting your continuance of ffreindship with the Poolas,

Govr. Pitt sent one Letter for the Genll. with a flying Seal, the contents of which was only to recommend you for Comander of the Abington wch. Letter I forwarded this morning to Captn. Elton as also a Copy of what you wrote from Manacoree,

I can call to mind nothing elce wherefore I conclude wth. praying God to take care of you, and also that you wod. take some care of your self I am

Sr.

Your most humble Servant

John Brabourn.

Anjengo, Sepr. yr. 23d. 1704.

As soon as ever the full moon is past my Briggantine will be here, & I shall dispatch her to you that you may have better Accommodation then at present.

No. 106

Mr. Brabourns Letter to Captn. Lestly,

Captn. Jno. Lestly
Sr.

Recd 24th. Octobr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

My last to you was dated the 23d. Instant and upon the 24th. at night, I recd your Letter written the 21st. and am not at all surprised, to hear the Poolas design to make a platform to hinder us from working on the wreck, for I always knew they wod. doe soe, if wee can procure, strength to Land, wee shan't be long a driveing the Natives from that platform, the materialls of wch. will then serve to strengthen us, but if our force is not sufficient to go ashore in Arm's it will be impossible for us to secure our Divers, or to reover any thing, as I have all along written, both to Madrass and Bombay, all that wee have to doe at present is to hinder the Natives, from working on the wreck (in wch. I don't see any great Difficulty provided you fall into no misfortune by bad weather) and wait with patience till wee know what succours will be sent us from Madrass and Bombay, where upon wee shall be enabled to take such resolutions as the circumstances of affairs require,

The Poolas have sent no body to us, & by their treating with you design I beleive nothing elce, but to obtain Leisure to perfect the platform, and as soon as that is done, I expect they'l fall out with you, as for their own ffishermen they won't vallue what harm you do them

The Generall Letter from Madrass was dated ye. 22d. August in answer to ours of the 17th. of July, by wch. wee advised, that the ribbs of the wreck were in sight upon wch. they say they are very much encouraged to send us what assistance they can wch. will consist in two small Vessells from Madras, and another wch. they expect from Bengall, and they suppose also that one of the Men of Warr, may be sent to our aid from B Bay, now what the Govr. &ca. will think or doe, when they hear the Hull of the Ship is all disappeared or hauled ashore we can't tell

We have now sent you a bulloon with Casks of water 2 Bottles of Lime Juice and a cask of Arrack,

Haveing written thus farr I recd your Letter of the 23d. Instant, saying that you had fired upon the Natives to hinder them from finishing the platform, wch. is so near the wreck, that they may by it defend those they shall putt to work upon it,

Whereupon all that I can say is, that wee have not strength enough to Land, and otherwise wee cannot hinder them doing them what they please upon the shore,

But I beleive notwithstanding all the platforms, they can find no body of courage to Dive in the Sea, whilst the Monchew lyes within shott of them, but this wee shall know more fully when we have tryed it, I say again if my superiours send a sufficient force to Land, wee will and must Land, & otherwise wee can pretend to do no great feats, neither can wee be charged wth. the fault.

I don't beleive the Marriners that carryed my Letter of the 23d. will be able to gett to you, wherefore I have Inclosed a Copy of it

If the treasure be there, & covered wth. sand I do verily beleive, there will be no comeing at it, till the middle of October at the very soonest, and it may be not till November.

Please to return this boat with an accor: of what you want, which shall be sent you,

If towards the full moon you perceive the Sea to rise, and the weather to threaten, there can no inconveniency arrise by securing your self, and the Boat till the full moon & weather be over I am

Sr.

Anjengo, Septr. ye. 26th. 1704.

Your humble Servant,

John Brabourn.

No. 107

Cat^{tn}. Lestlys Letter to M^{r}. Brabourn

Worp^{ll}. S^{r}.

Your kind and comfortable Letter of the 23^{d}. Instant have recd, & doe assure you I have a gratefull sence of the Obligation you have laid on me by your recommendation to Govr. Pitt, and know it has been Cheif cause of his favourable Letters on my behalf to the Generall, for wch. I return you my most hearty thanks, Recd 24th. Octobr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

By the way of Cape Comorine, to where have sent two Boats for water, I gave your Worp an Acco^{t}. of our falling out with the Poolas, as also of their Intended Platform, to wch. now they have added a second of above 60 foot in Length,

These at first gave mee some apprehensions, that sho^{d}. be forc't from my post, wch. is within half Guns Shott of the shore, but haveing since dilligently surveyed them, and informed my self of their strength, find they are nothing but blinds, to cover their bowmen, There is here 10 or 12 pattereras but them they know not how to place, nor when they doe will they signifie any thing,

The weather and not the Natives strength has hindered mee from makeing any further discovery neither shall I attempt it, till I see what this full moon will produce, for sho^{d}. wee find the Ships bottom (wch. the natives will know as well as our selves) and after be forced to leave the place they will doubtless in our absence, make use of the opportunity to ffish, but am in hopes they will not bestow pains to find it out,

Wee shall make shift to get water but with much trouble, and a great Inconveniency haveing 2 Boats, Imployed therein, which the first time was four days from us, and now has been gone two,

The wreck is so very near the shore, that in my opinion it may easily be found, and for wch. reason shall be very Loath to Leave it, however shall not tempt fate, but remove if any likelyhood of bad weather, wch. this full moon I much fear, it haveing been always taken for granted, that Leap year storms are Violent and pernicious to all on the Sea,

When I Intended to conclude, the Bulloon appeared, and soon satisfyed us, of the necessarys she brought wch. was very well come,

I concurr wth. your Worp. in your oppinion the Natives will not stand the test, as also that what they fortifie, will be for our advantage,

But in all probability Judge we can defend our Divers, and take up what wee shall happen to meet with, haveing those small Vessells, and your Worp^{s}. Briggantine, such being only fitt for this Expedition,

For the place where the Ship lyes has a bould and steep shore there being within one ships Length thereof 2½ fathom water, from the shore ¼ of a mile continues the same, or to 3 fathom clear ground, and also above one and ½ cables Length each way, vizt. to the E.w^{d}. & to y^{e}. W. w^{d}. of the wreck, further from the shore than ¼ of a mile lyes a Ledge of Rocks; that covers the whole Bay so that a great ship will run a Risque to come within Gunns shott of the shore,

I should be very sorry that our Letters dated the 17th. Augst. sho^{d}. give a check to the Govr. &c^{a}. Council of Madrass in their Assistance, there appearing to me at present, more then a probability of recovering the Treasure.

If please god give weather, I doubt not of Defending, all this day haveing struck with a Pole part of the ships bottom, Our approaching the shore caused them to shoot at us, wch. wee returned both with great and small shott, and drove them from the shore,

What to think of the treasures being covered with sand I know not, the shore being so very steep, But it may be the Stoppage the wreck has made may have raised there a bank of sand,

Our firing will Exhaust our shot and Powder, 2 musquets not being fitt for service are returned, Some paper, Pens, Ink and Wax please to send, and if possible a ℘spective Glass which will be of great Use to our Affairs, all that I have to add is that I have more lively hopes of the treasure then ever I had, w[ch]. may God grant prove accordingly, and that your Worship may Injoy health and prosperity is the hearty desire off

MANACORRE SEP[R]. 28TH. 1704. Your Worp[s]. most Obliged hum[ble]. Serv[t].

JOHN LESTLY.

I have ordered one of the people of the Balloon as soon as they are clear of these people to send on shore that the Letters may come to you with more speed,

S[R]

Haveing had some Intimation of y[e]. wreck co[d]. not dispatch this till had made a tryall, the water being smooth this afternoon sent in the small boat which found the body of the Ship lying in 9 foot water, and severall Timbers they felt above 3 foot higher, Viz[t]. abo[t]. 6 foot water on them, this occasioned severall shott to pass, the natives fireing at the Boat, because of her approach to the shore, S[r]. I am enjoyed to find the bottom wherein shall I doubt not find the Treasure, I am S[r]. Yours

JOHN LESTLY.

No. 108

TO THE HON[BLE]. THOMAS PITT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HONO[BLE].
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY,
ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL & GOV[R].
OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE & S[R]. DAVID &C[A].
COUNCIL.

HONO[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Recd. 31st. Octo[r]. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

Twas last night late before we re͡cd your Hono[r]. &c[as]. of the 18th. Instant which accompanyed Tenn Thousand Pag[s]., and a Bill upon Chinne Chittee for two Thousand more, which wee have re͡cd in safety, The Bill we have presented Chinne Chittee who promises Payment thereof in due time so shall Credit your Acco[t]. for the whole sum̃e,

Few days since passed through our bounds about one hundred horses to guard some Treasure belonging to the Nabob who were mett at Conimeer wth. Forty more And not knowing but if they mett your Peons with the mony some accident might insue wee sent out a great Number of Peons then ordinary, and ordered them to proceed till they mett yours, besides which wee wrote a Letter to the Chief at Conimeer to request he would give our people all the Assistance he could in case they should meet with any Molestation, But they strikeing into the Country before yours arrived at Conimeer they proceeded hither w[th].out any hazard or trouble, Which with all our due respects the needfull from

FORT S[T]. DAVID
OCTOBER Y[E]. 24TH. 1704.

HONO[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Your most humble Servants

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
E. MOUNTAGUE.
VICES[S]. GRIFFITH.
RALPH INGRAM.
JOHN BERLU.
TREVOR GAMES.
RICH[D]. FFARMER.

THE BILL IS PAID
G.R.

No. 109

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for affairs of the United Trade
&c^a^. Council at Madrass.

Our last to you was under the 31st. of May by Express, since which have not been Hono^rd^. with any from you, Recd. 3^d^. Novr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

This goeth by an armenian Conveyance of which wee heard not till the Pattamars were ready to depart therefore can be but very short in our advices, On the 8th. of the last month, the Denegall a ship of two hundred and forty Tons. Coñanded by Cap^tn^. Henry Cliff belonging to the United Trade, who sailed from Portsmouth y^e^. 13th ffeb^ry^. bound directly to Moco and from thence home again, haveing Lost her Passage to the Port she was bound to, arrived Bombay, what news we have rec͠d from her Supra Cargoes and Master y^e^. same wee presume you will have rec͠d by the Ships bound to your Coast long ere this can arrive you.

Our guards continue very strick [*sic*] about this ffactory, by reason of ffresh demands sent from Court upon us procured (as we have all the reason that can be in such a case to beleive) by our adversaries that occasioned them to be first sett about us, It being about five or six days since advised from Court, that the Dutch have withdrawn all their people from Bengall, all the gates of this Citty are strictly guarded, so that no European can goe out without speciall Licence from the Govr. The Pyratt that robbed on this Coast last year went to Mauritius and left eight of her men there, from thence sailed Donmaskerinas, and left sixty of her Crew there, haveing heard of the two Men of Warr come out in quest of them, from thence, she sailed to Madagascar where about twenty of her men went on Shore in their long boat for Provisions but they not Comeing of in three day's the weather proveing bad and their Cable breaking the rest stood away with the Ship severall days along Shore to the Northward, and at last anchored at some other place of their Rendevouz where all the Europeans went one Shore, & landed their Guns, small Arms and Amunition, and what elce they thought fitt, and gave the Ship to the Lascars, who steered away towards this Coast, as they thought, and about two months Since, run ashore near Sindy, where the Ship was lost, and about 5 Lascars, they were in all about Sixty five severall of which arrived this Citty about a week since, and we don't hear that the rogues have now any Ship left, time will not permitt us to add more then that we are

Surat Aug^st^. y^e^. 22^d^. 1704.

Your humble Servants,

John Gayer.
Eph^m^. Bendall.
B. Wyche.
William Mildmay.

for want of time we cannot send the Papers mentioned to be enclosed.

No. 110

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Hono^ble^. Englished (*sic*)
United Companys, and Govr. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council at
Madrass

Gentlemen,

The unaccountable proceedings of M^r^. Newart Garnet, Supra Cargoe of Ship Prosperous obliges us to desire that you will do for us, what is hereafter mentioned, He wrote us last March that he had had altered his resolution of proceeding to Gombroon, for that there was so many Ships gone from your Coast to that Port, and designed for Moco, & from thence to Port, but by one Dutch and three Country ships, now arrived here, we are advised that they left him at Moco, where he had not brought goods proper for this Market and that he refused a considerable Recd. 3^d^. Novr. 1704 ℘ Pattamar.

freight, besides, passengers, that was offered him for this place, which gives us just cause to suspect that he designs not to come here, and render us an Acco^{t}. of w^{t}. we intrusted him with, Therefore we request y^{t}, if he should come with said ship to your Port, that you will seize of her, and all her Cargoe, dischargeing said M^{r}. Newart Garnet, and the Master, William Gany from any further charge thereof, and that you will dispose of such part of her Cargoe as is vendible at your Port, for the most you can get for it, and invest the produce thereof in such goods, as you shall think most proper for the Market of this place, and Lade them on board said ship, and consign them to us, haveing first met some other trusty persons on board as Master, and if it should so happen, that you cannot dispose of any part of her present Cargoe, but at great Loss, wee desire that it may be continued on board, and consigned to us as before mentioned, all which wee request may be done with as much expedition as possible for that wee do not only suffer in our adventure but in the hire of the Ship wch. runs on to the time She arrives here, and if at last she miscarry wee are Liable to satisfie the full of what she is worth wee are

SURATT — HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

SEP^{R}. Y^{E}. 11TH. 1704. — Your very humble Servants

Wee desire you will Lade what goods possibly gett on freight on foresaid ship.

JOHN GAYER.
STEPH^{N}: COLT.
E. BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.

GENTLEMEN

The foregoing is a Duplicate of w^{t}. wee wrote you under y^{e}. 11th Instant by way of Bengall, this wee send by express, wth. our Letter of attorney for you, & Copy of our Instructions to M^{r}. Newart Garnet, & M^{r}. W^{m}. Gany desireing if they arrive at your Port, or on your Coast that you will after you have made Seizure of s^{d}. ship and Cargoe, as beforementioned, Secure their Persons and prosecute them according to Law, till they shall make us Satisfaction, for their breach of orders, & mismanagement of What we comitted to their trust, which may prove effectuall to restrain others from the like villainnous courses hereafter & by wch. you will much oblige

SURATT — HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

SEP^{R}. Y^{E}. 13TH. 1704 — Your very humble Servants

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
E. BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.

No. 111

TO THE HONO^{BLE} THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}. UNITED ENGLISH COMPANY & GOVERNOUR OF FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT MADRASS

HONO^{BLE} S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Recd 3^{d}. Novr. 1704 ℔ Pattamar.

Our last to you concerning the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Companys Affairs was under the 24th. of past month, copy of wch. is Inclosed, with a Copy of what Europe news was then omitted to be sent you for want of time, and a small addition of what wee have since recd, to wch. we shall add w^{t}. hath since occurr'd here,

About fifteen days since a small Dutch Ship of about twenty guns arrived before this barr & abo^{t}. seven days after we had advice, off three more being off Damon; who cruized there till they mett with their own ship and three country

ships bound from Moco to this Port, whom they scaired and brought to this barr, in their own Ship there is one Nurall Hock, in great favour with the King, returned from his Pilgrimage, whom they detain with all other Passengers of any note wth. the Country Ships and their Cargoes, which causeth a great uproar in this Town, cheifly for the confinement of s^d^. Nurall Hock, on wch. many messages have passed between the Govr. and the Dutch Directore, the latter declareing that he will not release persons, Ships, nor Cargoes till he and the rest of their Companys Servants, are permitted to goe on board their Ships, or till the Govr. will deliver him their Security Paper, and pay him Nineteen Laack of Rupees, which he demands for what they have been robbed off, and for damages sustained in their trade how this will end wee dont yet know, nor when our guards will be taken off,

Her Majestys Ships of warr the Severn & Scarborough, are likewise at this rivers mouth, but in a very weak Condition, by reason of Mortallity, besides we dont find they have Sufficient orders to effect any thing for our releif,

Inclosed is a translate of a Hosbull Hockum lately come from Court to this Govr. procured as is the opinion of all by the bribery of our Old adversary, wch. we presume you will readily beleive when you read it.

Wee hear of an English Europe Ship arrived Moco, abo^t^. Sixty days since, but cannot tell what she is, the Denegull mett with a Separate Subscription Ship at Johanna, called the Rotchester bound to Muscat and this Port, perhaps it may be her, for that they say she was forced in by bad weather, thô tis reported that she came from Batavia,

Wee have drawn a Bill upon you, for Rupees Eighteen hundred and ten, and seventy one p^s^. payable to Cap^tn^. Armiger Gostlin &c^a^. owners of Ship Charlton, which we desire may be paid out of our Old Masters Seperate Cash, we haveing recd the like vallue into their Cash here.

SURATT
SEP^R^. Y^E^. 13TH. 1704.

HONO^BLE^ S^R^. &C^A^.
Your very humble Servants

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
E. BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.

S^r^. Nicholas notwithstanding all his bribes hath not yet obtained leave to go to Bombay, he sticks at nothing to perpetuate our imprisonment,

No. 112

TO THE HONO^BLE^ THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT &C^A^. COUNCIL

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Yesterday The Comp^as^. Yatch and ffly were going out of the river haveing all on board, ready to sale away but the wind comeing about Southerly stopt 'em, at the mouth of the river, it blew hard last night, and this day is fallen much rain, so that tis to be feared, there will be more bad weather, and no trusting to it, till after the full, and I presume your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will look upon it a great imprudence in mee to dispatch them till then M^r^. Holcombs Capt^ns^. were of the Opinion, that the Monsoon was Changed, and the N^o^.therly winds, thereby set in, but now they think twill be very dangerous to venture 'em out till 10 or 12 days hence, I have put what timber wo^d^. goe into the Yatch on board her,

METCHLEPATAM
OCTOBER Y^E^. 24TH. 1704.

HONO^RD^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed'ent
Servant
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 113

To the Hono^ble^ Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^
United English East India Company
On the Coast of Chormandell & Govern^r^.
of Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^. Council

Hono^ble^ S^r^. &c^a^.

Recd 14th Novr. 1704. It was the 7th. Instant before we received yours dated the 24th. past month, Which came by the Anjengo Peons, who were dispatcht imediately,

Our last to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. bore date the 24th. Ult^o^. adviseing we had recd y^e^. Pagodas 12000.

It will be a great hinderance to our Investm^t^. since your Hono^r^. &c^a^. Can't supply us with washers, Wee have used our utmost Endeavours to perswade them to come from the adjacent Towns, and promised them additionall Cooly, but those wee have hitherto procured, will not be sufficient, therefore we shall persue your Hono^r^. &c^as^. direction in packing up brown Longcloth, such as is clean free from Spotts, very dry, and proper to be Embaled brown, Which shall be well packed with the Screws, and may be washt hereafter if time will permitt,

Wee have had continuall great rains for these thirty days last past, and thô it gives us the prospect of a plentifull year, yet it has very much detarded those few washers we have in their business,

Inclosed your Hono^r^. &c^a^. will receive a List of what goods Wee have recd from the Merchants, also a List of goods the Merchants have now in their godowns, and on the road, which will certainly come in two or three days if the weather will permitt, besides which we have embaled One hundred & Eighty nine bales of Long-cloth and Sallampores All which goods will amount to about Sixty Thousand Pagodas, besides which our Merchants assure us before the Expiration of this month, they shall be able to deliver us a very large parcell of Cloth, Your Hono^r^. &c^a^. is sencible, what mony wee have recd on acco^t^. these Investments, and of the Urgent necessity wee shall speedily lye under for a Considerable Supply, which we request you will please to send us for our Merchants Stock is so small as will admit of very little to be cleared off in Jan^ry^.

Wee are advised the ffrench Sloop is certainly gone to Don Masquereen, and their ship a cruizeing towards the Streights of Mallacca, where we can't think there is any probabillity of meeting the expected Ships, who the ffrench are now of hopes can arrive this Season, the certainty of which time must shew us, for they are very secret in their designs,

M^r^. Richard Harrison, shall be continued assistant to M^r^. Vicessimus Griffith, in the Warehouse business, who is willing to do as much as his Indisposition, will admitt, Wee will be sure to take care that business is not neglected.

M^r^. Trevor Games last Consultation day desired wee would signify to your Hono^r^. &c^a^. his request to be continued Land Customer and Scavenger of Cuddaloor it haveing been always the Employ of the Youngest of Council but one except in the last Settlement.

M^r^. Vicessimus Griffiths occasions requiring his remittance of mony to Madrass, Wee have this day given him our bill upon your Hono^r^. &c^a^. for Pagodas ffour hundred Payable to M^r^. Richard Hunt for the like sume recd into the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United Comp^as^. Cash, to which request your Punctuall Compliance,

About Ten days since our state Horse dyed of a long Illness, he had all the assistance this place could Afford to save him but without Success, So that wee are

now destitute of one fitting for that service, or indeed any other, therefore request you will please to supply Us, for wee have not a fitting to send out if any accident should happen, or to protect any mony upon occasion,

Which with our due respects is the needful from

Hono^{ble} S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your most humble Servants

Fort S^{t}. David
November y^{e}. 11th. 1704.

Gabriel Roberts.
Edm^{d}. Mountague.
Vicess^{s}. Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlue.
Trevor Games.
Rich^{d}. ffarmer.

N°. 114

To the Hono^{ble} Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour &c^{a}. Council

Hono^{ble} S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Wee have had so many Contrary rumours for these two or three days, concerning the troubles at Surat, wch. some say will reach this Place, also about changeing of Government in these parts that one does not know what to beleive amongst so many reports this is certain that the ffrench and Dutch here, are both laying in Provisions of wood and water &c^{a}. and takeing in of more Peons, the Dutch Chief has Informed mee that the Moors have demanded 25 Thousand Rupees of their Resident at Gulcondah, that Dowd Cawn is Subba of that Place, and sends the Kings Duan hither, and that Middee Cawn Beeg is Seer Lascarr of Chicacull his territories extending no farther then Dasheroon the Dutch are getting their boats in readiness in the River, and have sent for two of their Sloops from Maddapollam, wch. are mann'd wth. Europemen, to come into this river, with all Expedition, It is reported that S^{r}. John Gayer has forced his way out of Surat & gone for Bombay, and that the English and Dutch have plundered the place, but the Dutch advices say nothing of this. Rec^{d} 22^{d} Novr. 1704.

The Yatch and ffly still lay at the rivers mouth for a fair wind to carry them over the barr,

There is a vessell in Maddapollam river 120 Tonn belonging to Rama Chundulo, Inhabitants of Madrass, upon which Kittee Narrain has a mind to imbark, if your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. thinks fitting to order the bales up to Madrass in her there being 56 made up all Chay good am^{t}. to near 10000 Pag^{s}.

The Phousdar, Wackannees, & Darago have lately sent word severall times that they wanted to see mee, I have put them off with a present of some Rosewater and the Phousdar with some spirits, who is such a mighty Lover of 'em, that he is hardly to be mett with one day in a week sober but if a new Duan comes, as reported they will undoubtedly expect presents before the bales goes off, they have also sent to the ffrench for presents, who have putt them off on Acco^{t}. they have noe Trade.

I have rec͠d a parcell of Rattandores & Windows & rayls of the new Company, they will be no use in this place,

My last to your Honor. &ca. was dated 4th. Instant, adviseing that the Companys goods were arrived here, I thought fitting to dispatch a Peon on purpose with this Letter.

HONORD. SR. &CA.

METCHLEPATAM Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

NOVEMR. YE. 10TH. 1704. THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 115.

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
AND COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED ENGLISH
COMPANY TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES,

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Rec͠d 23d Novr. 1704. Your Letters of the 27th. May & 15th. July are before us, The last come to our hands ye. 8th. Curt. by the Scipio, who arrived the 30th. Ultimo in Ballasore Road,

Wee perceive our Cosseds miscarried or were not arrived when you wrote your Letter, by the Scipio, so are obliged to send you copys of all the Letters we wrote you since those by the Huglyana Ketch And they accompany this ℔ the Riseing Sun Smack Nicholas Audrey Master, on board of whom we send you for Accot. the United Trade Mds. 1000 of Salt Petre and some Packing stuff amounting to as ℔ accompanying Invoice and a Bill of Ladeing Rups. 5694. 12 as. for which please to give due Credit also for Rs. 250. 2. 6 being the ballance of the Necauds Accot. which wee have paid them.

Wee observe how you have disposed of the Huglyana Ketch, and have brought to the Credit of your Presidency, all that we charged for her more then Rupees 7245. ye. Amot. of 2070 Pags. at 3½ rs. which you bought her for at outcry, so that Article will make no difference between your accots. and ours.

Wee have charged to your Dr. Presidency Rupees 1673 for freight of what sent you ℔ the Huglyana Ketch.

The Gentlemen at Bencoolen did not Consider well, when they charged Bills upon you for large Sum̃s, without distinguishing whose account they did it for, such mistakes can't be without the ill consequence of Damage falling somewhere or other, Wee wish the Huglyana Ketch a safe arrivall with them.

We have Laden Mds. 4000 of Salt Petre aboard the chambers ffriggat for the United Trade.

Wee shall quickly send you another smack & a sloop, besides this, with Salt Petre and Stores, wee have fitted this smack very well, and hope surveyed her by Europe Carpenters, their report goes Inclosed, We judge her best, and recomend her to you for the Companys use, She being sheathed with Teak,

Our Books will be sent to England and the Court of Managers will determine, what part of the charge, of the small Craft, and other Dead Stock must be for the United, Trade, and what (if any) for the Seperate Accot. They will have no great difficulty, in separateing what they Judge ought to be for either Accot.

The Tavistock, Chambers ffriggat, and Scipio are at Anchor at the river of rogues where the Dutchess still keeps them Company, thô under our Protest for not sailing when wee dispatcht her.

Wee have had no Letters from Surat since the New Settlement.

Wee are sorry any ffrench Ships are on your Coast, but since they are tis good to hear where, that our shipping may the better avoid them, for if they are large, our small ffleet, if they were United, are not strong enough to encounter so many ffrench as are said to be expected at Pollichery,

The Martha and Neptune being bound first to your Port, we hope have been with you, we begin now to expect them with us, and have Pilots and Sloops in Ballasore road waiting for their arrivall,

Wee wish the ship Queen a prosperous Voyage to & from China & Persia.

It is unfortunate that the Govr. and Council of Bencoolen, can't procure sufficient quantitys of pepper either at Borneo or Sumatra.

The Hono^{ble}. Court of Managers in their Letter dated 21st. Jan^{ry}. 1703 ℘ Scipio give the following acco^{t}. of Ships they sent out that year.

Martha	550 Tons	... for the Coast & Bay.	
Neptune	275	... for the Coast & Bay.	
Scipio	350	... for the Bay.	
Loyall Cook	330	... Amoy in China & y^{e}. ffort.	
Herne	350	... Amoy & the Bay.	
Eaton	310	... Canton & Surat.	
Westmerland	340	... Surat.	
Kent	350	... Canton & England.	
Donnegall	240	... Mocho & England.	
Loyall Merch^{t}.	420	Bencoolen	to load Pepper.
Dover	180	Bencoolen	to load Pepper.
Caesar	380	Borneo.	to load Pepper.
Featherstone	180	Borneo.	to load Pepper.

for the Martha wee must provide 350 Tons, and for the next four Ships half their Ladeing of Salt Petre, wch. will make 1027½ Tons besides about 300 Tons for the Loyall Merchant and Dover, the Loyall Merchant is to sail for the Coast or Bay or both to fetch the said Petre, in case she does not meet with her full Ladeing of pepper, and wee are to put on board her Provisions, Stores, & such sort of goods for Bencoolen, as wee shall receive Directions from thence,

The whole quantity of Petre wee are to provide for said ships is, abo^{t}. 40000 Bengall M^{ds}. which wee are endeavouring to provide, and settling Patna, where the Prince now is, and wee are endeavouring to get his and the Duans orders, to free us from the present, unjust, & unreasonable interuptions given us in our business,

Wee have no Publick news out of England but what comes in a few printed Papers to particular Persons wch. wee do not trouble you with because wee doubt not but you have all by the Martha and Neptune, and beleive the Scipio has already Informed you all wee know.

The Hono^{ble}. Court of Managers haveing ordered us to send disorderly and Culpable persons to Madrass, to be prosecuted and tryed in their Court wee think wee ought as wee have done, to send James Dowly under Confiement in this Sloop, he is a person who probably will appear as guilty as Dulgarno, if not much more of the Death of Josias Harrison. This Dowly has the Reputation of being always mutinous, and a Ring leader of all mischief, wherever he has been, either at Sea or on Shore,

Wee herewith send you a Copy of the attestations of severall persons concerning the fact of Dowly, and Dulgarno, taken at the time of their examination before Sr. Edward Littleton when Consull by wch. you will understand what they stand accused of Dulgarno and the originall shall goe to you ꝑ next vessell, Wee are

FORT WM. AUGST. 19TH. 1704 HONOBLE. SR. &cA.

Your most humble Servant.

ROBT. HEDGES.
RALPH SHELDON.
JONAN. WINDER.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBT. NIGHTINGALL.
GEO : REDSHAW.
BENJN. BOWCHER.
EDWD. PATTLE.

P.S.—This Sloop would carry considerably more then wee have put on board her but considering the season of the Year, Wee thought best to let her go Jocund and roomly to carry her Provisions, In case her Passage happen to be longer then is expected,

Idem

The master of the smack comeing before us, and being fearfull to carry such a mutinous fellow as Jas. Dowly, by reason of his haveing so few Europeans, wee have thought fitt to defer sending him till a better conveyance.

ROBT. HEDGES.
RALPH SHELDON.
JONAN. WINDER.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBT. NIGHTINGALL.
GEO. REDSHAW.
BENJN. BOWCHER.
EDWD. PATTLE.

A LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE DATED AUGUST YE. 19TH. 1704 ꝑ RISEING SUN SMACK.

Nos. 1. Generall to the President and Council dated Augst. 19th.
2. Dos. dated 9th. March 23 Do. 7th. April, May 19th. & 8th. June.
3. Invoice of Riseing Sun Smack.
4. Bill of Loading for Do.
5. Attestation of Carpenters of said Vessell.
6. Copy of the Tryall of Captn. Delgamo, & Jas. Dowly.
7. List of Stores and Impress mony.
8. Protests dd Captn. Raymond wth. their Answers.
9. Ship Dutchess her Invoice.
10. List of the Packet.
11. The Pylots certificate concerning the Dutchess.

No. 116.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FFORT ST. GEORGE
AND COUNCIL FOR THE ENGLISH UNITED COMPAS.
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOBLE. SR. &cA.

Recd 23d. Novr. 1704 ꝑ Smack Riseing Sun.

Wee wrote you the 19th. August ꝑ Riseing Sun Smack, with which sent you Copyes of all our formers overland to which referr,

The 3d. Instant wee recd a Letter from the Master of this smack, giveing us the Ill news of his being put back into this river, haveing mett with bad weather off point Palmeras, and Sprung his Mast, so has disabled him from proceeding, on

Survey of said Mast by the Europe Carpenters, they gave us acco^{t}. it was to be repaired with some plank and Iron work, which wee forthwith sent, and have given the Master orders to proceed on his Voyage, so soon as 'tis repaired,

This accident gives us an opportunity to acknowledge the rec^{t}. of Your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 8th. Ult^{o}. ꝑ Ship Mary, with the Hono^{ble}. Court of Managers Packet ꝑ Martha for this Presidency also the private Letters for wch. return your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. thanks,

Wee are concerned to hear of the unfortunate Loss of the Neptune, and hope this smack wth. another and a Sloop, wch. we are fitting to send will arrive in time to assist in getting the Treasure, wch. wee heartily wish may have Success.

Wee wish the disaster the Martha mett wth. in looseing her Mast, & her men being so sickly, wch. occasioned her stay with you so long, may not have prevented her timely arrivall wth. us, this Season, for as yett we hear nothing of her,

Wee have and shall secure w^{t}. Petre we can so as to Supply your Presidency, and Lade home what the Managers direct, if Possible & shall Lade on the Martha w^{t}. we have to send you, & order her to touch at Vizagapatam,

The Chambers & Dutchess are yett in the River, and beleive may goe out togather in October

The private stock Ship is wth. us but as yet don't hear of her buying up any Petre, or what her Intention may be,

This day wee recd a Letter from M^{r}. Tillard accompanying a Generall Letter from S^{r}. Nicholas Wait, dated 31st. May, wch. gives us much such an Acco^{t}. as your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. had from them Wee are

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most humble Servants

RALPH SHELDON.
ROB^{T}. HEDGES.
JONA^{N}. WINDER.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROB^{T}. NIGHTINGALL.
GEO. REDSHAW.
BENJ^{N}. BOWCHER.

No. 117

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
GOV^{R}. OF FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONO^{BLE}.
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANYS

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

This Smack Riseing Sun by the Masters neglect in fitting her did not proceed according to our last orders, wherefere was forced to stay till this time, and some days since the Master dyed, wherefore have now sent M^{r}. Harris Master to take charge of her, and Pylott her to you, and hope she may be with you soon enough to proceed to the wreck, Recd 23^{d}. Novr. 1704 ꝑ Riseing Sun Smack.

Wee have yours ꝑ Martha which Ship arr^{d}. with us the 19th. Sepr. and is now in Ballasore road, from whence we must Load her, & hope to send her hence with the Petre &c^{a}. directed, in December, her lying there will occasion the detaining the two sloops designed immediately to your Port, wth. Petre and Provisions, but as soon as she is Loaden shall send them to you,

Enclosed we send a Generall for the Honoble. Court of Managers, wch. wee desire you will please to forward ℔ the Dutchess, it relateing to sd. Ship, The Packet sent you in ffebry. last, designed for the Chambers ffriggat, we desire may not be sent by the Dutchess but by the Chambers or some other Ship,

Wee shall write you more at large ℔ next conveyance, wch. will be suddainly, so Conclude.

FORT WILLIAM — HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

9BER. YE. 4TH. 1704.

Your most humble Servants

RALPH SHELDON.
ROBT. HEDGES.
JONAN. WINDER.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBT. NIGHTINGALL.
GEO. REDSHAW.
BENJN. BOWCHER.
EDWD. PATTLE.

No. 118

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST.
GEORGE, AND COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED ENGLISH
COMPANY TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Recd 23d. Novr. 1704 ℔ Riseing Sun Smack

The weather being mild and the Monsoon over, and wee beleive no more blustering weather expected this season, we have thought fitt to put one hundred mds. more of salt Petre on board the Riseing Sun Smack, then is mentioned in the first Invoice and Bill of Ladeing

Invoice and Bill of Ladeing of this additionall 100 mds. of Salt Petre Amounts to wth. charges Rups. 3023. 7. 6 is here Inclosed Wee are

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Your very humble Servants

FORT WM. 9BR. YE. 6TH. 1704.

ROBT. HEDGES.
RALPH SHELDON.
JONN. WINDER.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBT. NIGHTINGALL.
GEO: REDSHAW.
BENJN. BOWCHER.
EDWD. PATTLE.

No. 119

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of ffort S^t^. George
and Council for the United English Comp^a^.
Tradeing to the East Indies

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

The Invoice not being delivered us with the Bills of Ladeing when went to dispatch the Smack And Omitted to be sent after us, is the reason it comes not Enclosed as specifyed in the Hono^ble^. Managers Letter to your Hono^r^. &c^a^. delivered us, is the needfull from Recd 23d. Novr. Riseing Sun,

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

from on board the Riseing Sun
Smack Rangafulla river
November y^e^. 9th. 1704.

Your most Obedient humble Servants
W^m^. Bugden.
John Eyre.

No. 120

York ffort Aug^st^. y^e^. 24th. 1704

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Govr. &c^a^. Council for
Affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United English
East India Company in ffort S^t^. George,

Hono^ble^. &c^a^. S^rs^.

Our last to your Hono^r^. &c^a^. was ℘ Ketch S^t^. George copy whereof goes herewith, on the 24th. Ult^o^. arrived here Ketch Huglyana who brought us your Hono^r^. &c^as^. of the 27th. May & 20th. June last, that wee Comitted an Errour in direction of our Letter by the Queen, was occasioned thrô our not being informed of any distinctioned [*sic*] in the Manãgement of Affairs, but concluded it might have been as with us here where we are appointed to Mannage the Affairs both for the United and Seperate Trade of our R^t^. Hono^ble^. Masters Recd 23d. Novr. 1704 ℘ Huglyana Ketch

2. The reasons induceing the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Court of Manãgers for makeing us Independent we know not further then by what they have wrote us in their Let^rs^. to us, copys of the Paragraphs, both from themselves and our Old Masters, wee now remitt for your Hono^r^. &c's perusall, and wee were so farr being transported on that occasion that wee have frequently declared our Sentiments to this purpose, that except this place was better supplyed out of England in future than formerly, wee thought the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Company's Aff^rs^ might much suffer by this Alteration, especially if we were not allowed to draw Bills, on any emergency which induced us to do it, ℘ that considerable amount ℘ Ship Queen, and are sorry should have so great occasion for it, as likewise that wee did not particularly mention on which comp^as^. acco^t^. said Bills were drawn which may be imputed to M^r^. Shaws great indisposition who was accountant, as likewise to the Governours who at that time, was indisposed, and since in a very desperate Condition, wch. reduced him almost to a skeleton and now Labours under a Diarthœa thô at present some what better then formerly, M^r^. Wheeler was in the same predicament, much indisposed, so that wee hope this sad Consideration, may plead something in excuse for us, we have since examined, and find the United East India Company to be Indebted to our Old Masters upward of seventy thousand Dollars, wch. being a large Sum̃e, think it to be very prejudiciall to them to lye dead here, since we shall not be able to send it hence in Pepper, therefore humbly conceive that said Bills ought to be paid by the United Company, and so wee charge them here, and crave their acceptance on that Account, and wee find that except wee had drawn so largely as we did, wee had been under most miserable circumstances, when not withstanding the Anna's return to us from Batavia, with three Chests of treasure yett on the Arrivall of the Loyall Merchant,

wee were quite out of Cash, and likewise for those Bills formerly sent ℘ Ketch S^{t}. George desire may be favoured with acceptance on the Aforesaid Acco^{t}. being to the Amo^{t}. of P^{s}. 4379. 2. — and your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will perceive by a paragraph of our Old Masters generall to us ℘ Ship Loyall Merchant, what their Intentions were as to transfering their seperate Stock hence, but she arrived long since our drawing said Bills,

3. Wee are not conscious to ourselves, as to have tresspassed so farr against the rules of good manners as to merit so course a treatment, as your Hono^{rs}. &c^{a}. are pleased to give us in the 3^{d}. Paragraph of your Letter, but wee hope a more favourable construction from our Masters, when come to understand their Hono^{rs}. Sentiments,

4. Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will find that by a Paragraph now sent, the Court of Mannagers have forbid the sending them any Pepper from the Coast or bay, wch. had they not as well as prohibitted us the sending to those parts, wee beleive should be able to send any, since we are so plentifully supplyed with Shipping out of England,

5. What orders either from the Court of Managers, or our Old Masters, wee receive, wee shall take care duly to comply with, and we cannot find any thing tending to our being obliged to send Copys of our Letters to the Coast wch. wee must confess not to have done since recd advices of our being Independant, nor shall wee do it in future till have orders from our R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Imployers in England, and ℘ Ship Gloucester our Old Mast^{rs}. are pleased thus to write to us, in 13th. Paragraph of a Letter recd ℘ her.

" Wee shall write to Madrass to supply you with Redwood and Petre for " Kentilageing the Europe Ships, in the meantime do you as you have opportunity " send them this Paragraph, by which they will know our minds althô the nature of " the thing is a sufficient reason for their complying wth. your desire ; so that even dureing our then Independancy they were pleased only to order us to send copy of a particular Paragraph,

6. As to what formerly advised relateing to orders for our application to you for supplys will be seen in the Paragraphs of Letters recd from our R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Imployers, now transmitted your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. for perusall

7. By the Calculate your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. are pleased to make of us, wee must be esteemed even wicked and profflygate wretches, whose assertions or vindication of themselves, will prove of little vallidity, so wee dont admire why Standly should be credited on this occasion, he is dead, so shall not rake his ashes further then to observe thus much, that if the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. shall be pleased to examine any persons gone hence, in relation to his Character and deportment here, they may receive sufficient Information, so as to invalidate his testimony, wee pretend not to give any instance of the President or President and Councills injustice or oppression, nor to vindicate the assertions of every Idle tattler, only wish they might receive their Just reward, since they are as wee conceive the very pest of human Society, and that man must be very happy who is free from the Obliquity of their censorious tongues,

8. Cap^{tn}. Vernon being dead shall say the Less in respect to him, his Acco^{ts}. when storekeepers Assistant, are all in being under his own hand and he constantly recd the store in, and according to his notes they were paid for, as hath been the constant practice here, nor do any of us know of any Arcanas either in that or any other Employment, 'tis notorious that the Govern^{r}. and M^{r}. Shaw, were no bad freinds to Cap^{tn}. Vernon, and for avoiding ostentation the Govr. declines, giveing the Instances, wch. at any time he is able to doe, past all contradiction.

9. In answer to your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. 9th. Paragh^{h}. since your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. direct im̃ediately to us, wee shall avoid the censure of makeing ourselves, what we hope we are not, by application, and hope to prove ourselves rationall animalls, without being at the Expence of a Syllogism, wee cannot deny nor did wee ever, but that Horses come from the Northward to Bantall also that wee have some at York ffort

and Coach Horses, wch. the Hono^{ble}. President was made acquainted with by the Govr. ⅌ first opportunity after bought, and no fault found with it, but still wee say they have not any Horses from Java, so that there was a mistake in the Informer, and why now the Coach and Horses should be a grievance, more then formerly, are at a Loss to understand, and wee are Confident could our Masters see how it fares with us here, they would never grudge such an accomodation,

10. The Govr. M^{r}. Walls Affirms for himself that he never was guilty of any Monopolizes nor doe wee know that ever he was, and the fresh Instance yor. Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. are pleased to Give, is so farr from Confirming any such practice, that it tends directly to the contrary since M^{r}. Bugdens Consent to M^{r}. Shaws being concerned in those goods was voluntary, and giveing Bills never refused after we had advices, according to form of the mony being paid into the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Companys Cash nor do we beleive M^{r}. Bugden ever made any complaint

11. The R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company have been at no great charge as to Interest and 15 ⅌ Cent ⅌ Annum is here farr from being unreasonable since wee cannot find any persons willing to Lett out their mony on those termes, excepting such who do it to serve the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company, wee have indeed borrowed a small sum̃e of our Orankies but they parted with it on the foregoing consideration, The Common Interest of the Country being altogather extravagant, sometimes three hundred ⅌ Cent ⅌ Annum

12. The Directions wee have from the Court of Managers, & our Old Masters in relation to the stateing our Acco^{ts}. shall duly comply with beleiving them the same wrote to the rest of their Settlements,

13. At Bantall by Contract with the Rajas Mandareens, & Proateens the Natives are to receive half mony and half goods for their Pepper, but here we can assure your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that according to the Originall Contract they will not take any good nor any but the best of Mexico Dollars, wch. is well known to any person of knowledge or experience here, and therefore you were altogether misinformed in this Affair, we know not of any extravagant charge, wee put our Masters to our endeavours being to be as frugall as possible, nor can wee understand, that ever M^{r}. Shaw was guilty of any Act of Oppression or Injustice, dureing his being Store keeper,

14. Tis most certain Laziness is the great cause of our want of provisions, but this cannot be imputed to the English but the Mallays, since it requires a very considerable Stock to make any ample provision in this kind, and most here are but of mean fortunes this consideration hath been so farr from being beneath our care that we have our selves incouraged it by our own examples,

15. Wee know not of any man that ever meant M^{r}. Eyton any ill nor can wee deny your Hono^{rs}. knowledge of M^{r}. Bugden, and your haveing informations of M^{r}. Eytons good services, nor did wee ever say wee were more Competent Judges of the Qualifications, wee are here likewise now under a Charitable restraint, so shall only in Short confirm, that wee had no other end in that regulation then purely the Interest of our R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Masters, Second, M^{r}. Eyton made himself, and the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. made him third, by appointing M^{r}. Ridly to be his Superiour, but 'tis our misfortune to have all our Actions misconstrued, M^{r}. Shaw is already gone to the highest Tribunall to answer for his actions himself, and wee who have the greatest knowledge of him, must do this Justice to his Injured memory, that wee never knew him guilty of any unjust action, so are firmly perswaded the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. havo lost a no less able then faithfull Servant,

16. In your Generall to us ⅌ Ship Hampshire dated 12th. October 1702 in relation to M^{r}. Coast your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. are pleased thus to write in the 4th. Para-
" graph of said Letter, And wee likewise return M^{r}. Coast to you, whom you are to
" provide for as well as you can, in regard to his Seniority, Which wee accordingly did by appointing him one of the Council, here, which whether consonant with, or contradyctory to the Meaning of said Paragraph shall leave to the decission of our

R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Masters, wee never much disturb our Selves, at the reports of such, who make it their business to rais animositys, and wish as formerly mention'd no encouragement was given on such an Account,

17. What greater reason may have to expect repartys of Topasses from your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. than you are pleased to say you have of Buggesses from us wee know not, but do assure your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that our utmost Endeavours have not been wanting to procure them but without success.

18. M^{r}. Shaws being bookeeper was so farr from being a hinderance to his bringing up the Generall Books, that it was a furtherance, since the confused method the Acco^{ts}. was formerly kept in, gave him more trouble then all the rest of the Accounts, and thô his accounts were not for a Long time past in Consultation yet every thing was found clear, & fairly entrd. of Stores bought sold and being expended, wee know not what construction your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. are pleased to make as to our mentioning M^{r}. Higginson & M^{r}. Gray's names, and are possitive no rationall inference can be made therefrom as tending to any complaints made of them, being farr from our tho^{ths}.

19. The Master of Sloop expedition Affirms that he knew nothing of Ladeing the Sloop, nor of her Cargoe, it being put on board, when he did not belong to her, besides the Sloop, was not in so good Condition, but that her upper works proved so leacky that presently after her arrivall she was forced to be sent to Sillabar for repairs, so that wee know not how justly to place it to the Masters Account,

20. Would our bricks serve for pavement of the Fort, should not be so troublesome as to request stone, but wee can faithfully assure your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that so to do it, wo^{d}. be so much mony thrown away, since our bricks here are so bad, that even those of y^{e}. pave^{t}. of our Lodgeings require frequent reparation.

21. Wee have alway so great a regard for our Slaves that wee make necessary Provisions for them, and no Complaints from them of any want, if you send your surplusage of provisions and not charge it to account 'twould be kind, but why wee should be charged w^{t}. that that is of no manner of service to our Masters wee cannot understand when wee are no (*sic*) able to dispose of it, and if at any time to any Europe Ship, it is purely by accident.

22. Wee observe your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. orders to the Master of the Ketch, not to stay above twenty or thirty days when sometimes it so happens that in half that time a boat is not able to goe over our barr, we have endeavoured to dispatch as soon as possible nor hath the Master been wanting in any thing on his part 'twas necessity that induced us to draw as wee did however in future shall be cautious of trespassing in this kind, without full and ample warrant from our Mast^{rs}. for so doing, wee humbly conceive that being servants to the same Masters, we sho^{d}. be mutually aiding and assisting to each other, which believe likewise to be their Hon^{rs}. Intentions, but only in cases of emergency otherways 't would be a devided Interest.

23. So soon as M^{r}. Edward King shall pay his wife's debt, shall remitt it according to your direction.

24. Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. disposall of the Queen proves extreamly to our satisfaction, being much for our Masters Interest, except she had come with her full Loading of Kentilage & bales part of them to be distributed to the Anna.

25. Salt Petre and Stores by the Ketch came out reasonable well.

26. For M^{r}. King & Theatim Padres Passage wee shall give the Master reasonable satisfaction.

27. Wee have not been wanting in giveing our necessary orders, for the true and impartiall stateing M^{r}. Eytons Acc^{ts}. and wee are advised from the Gentlemen of Bantall of a fair Progress to have been already made therein, and on adjustment wee doubt not but that M^{r}. Eytons Wigmores attorneys will receive that shall be due to them.

28. Justice wee hope will always carry wth us as great Influence, & 'twas our Immediate care after Mr. Eytons decease, to give speedy orders for adjustment of his accounts, and we are confidt. that not any complaints have been made of our being negligent herein, wch comon justice demanded, without ye previous consideration of a poor widdow, wch we take to be no respecter of persons.

29. Ship Sarum being but in an indifferent condition, and wee not being now in a capacity to load her with Pepper rather then send her in her present condition, and an empty Ship, have resolved for her a Batavia Voyage for Arrack and Sugar, and on her return to proceed for the Coast, wch Judge to be most for the Interest of our Rt Honoble Employers.

30. Wee have perused the severall Paragraphs of your Honor. &cas. Consultation dated 8th May 1704, wherein is given the reasons, for the non-acceptance of our Bills to the 1st wee have to plead, that except wee had drawn as the sequall evidently demonstrated, wee had been under most miserable circumstances, & God only knows the Consequences might have attended them in relation to the 2d have spoken before to the 3d. Your Honor. &ca. will perceive what orders wee had for our application to you, by the severall Paragraphs now sent, so likewise for the 4th Mr. Shaw being dead Mr. Watts answers for himself, that he never was a ruler of the roast, further then justly warrantable, for the necessary support of Govmt. nor was ever any matter of consequence transacted but was duly and truly Entered in Consultation, and as for the mischeivious mannagement that has attended our Masters Affairs, wee bless God have not seen any of those sad Consequences and that our Masters are so well sattisfied with us, as appears by their Letter to us Lately recd ℘ Ship Loyall Mercht proves the greater of satisfaction to us, when Labour under such hard Censures. as likewise do every Indevidiall of us under no less destemper of body, the 5th. is already replyed to, to the 6th we must again repeat Mr. Shaw being dead Mr. Watts replyes for himself that for the severall Bills drawn he recd ye mony in different Species into the Rt. Honoble Compas Cash, and that there was not the Least fraud practiced there in, and should have been so far from being afraid of Comissioners comeing over, that should be very ready when justly Authorized to submit even to the severest scrutiny, since wee are not Conscious to our selves, of haveing otherways then faithfully discharged our Dutys, to the 7th. wee could not doubt the Rt. Honoble.Companys Credit for discharge of our Bills, and must acknowledge the drawing Bills have been the great support of this Settlement, yett must averr that if could be fully supplyed from England, with mony, as this Place was in Mr. Blooms time. and propper goods, from your Coast, and not be reduced to such exigency's as too frequently wee have been, wee think the Rt. Honoble. Company would be farr from being any loosers by any prohibition of drawing Bills and the Court of Managers advise us, that they have wrote to your Honor. &ca to send us Long-cloth and paintings, and wee think it our Dutys to advise that the Latter are but dull Comodities.

31. Being given to understand by the Master of the Ketch that she is in great want of sheathing, wee have put on board him 300 Teak boards, wch hope will be very serviceable, being sensible that generally on the Coast & Bay they are hardly procureable,

32. Wee have now in our Road the Anna, and Loyall Merchant, and are in expectation of the Dover, the former wee hope to dispatch with her Loading of Pepper in Seasonable time, but except our Crop of Pepper proves extraordinary, fear shall not be able to Load either of the two other Ships from hence this Season so according to orders shall dispatch the Loyall merchant for the Coast and Bay, with what treasure, wee can possibly spare, for purchaseing goods propper for this Place, and for Kentilago for her and the Dover of Redwood & Salt Petre, Wee have likewise some Gold, being returns for what the Sarum sold to Northward, wch shall likewise remitt by esteeming it a securer Conveyance then by the Ketch, who may expect to meet with bad weather this season of the year,

33. Invoice and Bill of Loading of the boards Loaden on the Ketch are inclosed.

34. Wee have Lately been allarmed wth several Bickerings & contests among the Mallays but by our timely interferrings in sending Buggesses have prevented those ill consequences otherways would have attended them, all now being in perfect peace & quietness iu these parts, and the encrease of the Pepper Plantations goes on as fast, as can be expected, Wee have not to add but subscribe our selves,

HONO^BLE &C^A S^RS.

Your most humble & faithfull Serv^ts.

RICHARD WATTS.
MATT. RIDLEY.
CHARLES WHEELER.
JOHN DEL APIE.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ KETCH HUGLYANA DATED AUG^ST, 24TH 1704

N°. 1. General Letter to ffort S^t. George dated August 24th 1704.
2. D°. to ffort S^t. George D°. date.
3. Bill of Ladeing of Ketch Huglyana.
4. Invoice of D°. Ketch.
5. Copy of severall Paragraphs recd from the R^t. Honble the Court of Managers & Old Company.
6. Copy of General Letter to ffort S^t. George ℔ Ketch S^t. George dated May 29th 1704.
7. List of the Pacquet.

YORK FFORT
AUGUST 24TH 1704.

No. 121

HONO^BLE &C^A. S^RS.

Recd 21st Novr. 1704 ℔ Dutchess.

In persuance to my orders from, M^r. Ralph Sheldon M^r. Robt. Hedges, &c. Mañagers for the United Trade, dated at Calcutta the 9th Instant, have this day delivered Cap^tn. Hugh Raymond. Comander of Ship Dutchess his Dispatch & here Inclosed one of ye Bills Ladeing so wishing her safe arrivall to your Hono^r. &c^a. I crave leave & Remain.

HONO^BLE &C^A. S^R.

Your most Obedient humble Servant

THOM^S. CURGENVEN.

POULLEE,
11TH MARCH 170¾.

No. 122

TO THE HONO^BLE THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT &C^A. COUNCILL

HONO^BLE S^R. &C^A.

Recd 27th Novr. 1704.

The N°. therly winds being sett in, & the blowing weather over in all appearance I have dispatcht away the Comp^as Yatch & ffly, M^r. Tillard informed mee that your Hono^r. &c^a. had ordered up the fflye, along wth. the Yatch, He desired the Companys Country boat to cross the River Kisney, and wrote to return her in 4 days the 7th Instant, she arrived where he was, since that have heard nothing of him nor the Boat,

Kittee Narrain lives in the ffactory and has made up betwixt 30 and 40 Bales of Chey goods, & a considerable many pieces are out at the washermens,

I send your Hon^r. &c^a. a List of the Dead Stock that belonged to the New Company here, which I have rec̃d into the ffactory, and shall be very carefull in looking after them, I keep 3 peons and one Maldar, to look after this ffactory, each at 3 rup^s. ₽ mens there has been occasion fo^r the Maldar, abo^t. clearing the Merchants Goods, stopt in the Country and also ab^ot those at washing, I shall now goe to Maddapollam and M^r. Duke ffaunce, where I shall follow your Hono^r. &c^as. orders in receiving the Dead Stock for before the Yatch was dispatcht I did not think it proper to goe, I wrote your Hono^r. &c^a. that I would have dispatcht her the 26th. Ult^o. but the Lascars obstinately refused to goe till the Monsoon changed.

M^r. Holcombe has 2 Ships Arrived here he writes that the Humphry and Charles, overshot Vizagapatam Port, and that it was impossible to get a boat off by reason of the Currant, the other wch. arrived 5 days agoe, has not brought the Company Goods they being but on board a Vessell, which was in Vizagapatam river, and designed to have been dispatcht hither before the other,

I paid the 6 Peons that belonged to this ffactory for the month of Sepr. last, and also M^r. Chapman the Master of the Yatch his wages from the 20th. Sepr. to the 20th. Instant and two months imprest mony to him, & 13 Lascars, without wch. he and all of them Refused to goe, M^r. Chapman was Entertained by M^r. Tillard at 6 Pag^s. ₽ mensem, but after M^r. Wood was discharged, he desired the same wages Wood had, wch. I am forced to pay him there being no other in this place fitting to take the Charge.

Hono^ble. S^R. &c^A.

Your most Obed^t. humble Servt.

Thom^s. ffaucett.

Metchlepatam
October y^e. 22^D. 1704.

P.S.—I let M^r. Chapman have a Coyle of Europe Cordage weighing 175—Pag^s. 6·25–3, wch. belonged to the Old Company he having occasion for the Yatch's use, also 5000 sticks, of the Comp^as ffirewood, for the use of both vessels

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No. 123

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a. Councill

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

This comes by the Yatch, which I have this day dispatcht wth. the ffly to your Hono^r. &c^a. and ordered them to keep Company to Madrass where I hope they will arrive safe, I permitted two Portuguez Lascars their Passage on board the ffly, one of them being a Pylot, and two Bannians they paying 6 Rup^s. also a Scriptore, Table, and 6 Chairs, of M^r. Tillard and a Scriptore of M^r. Raworths, to be put on board the Yatch, Recd 17th Novr. 1704 ₽ Yatch.

I wrote your Hono^r. &c^a. that the Lascars would have Pag^s. 2 each as M^r. Tillard had entertained them, and to remain upon whole pay, otherwise they refused to serve Longer, & I was forced to comply wth. their Demands here being no others to be got, they have all rec̃d pay to the 20th. of next month, some of the Tarr I rec̃d was used for the Yatch, and a small Jarr, I keep for the Standard here, a 11^ps. of the sale Cloth, was used for a Sail for the Contry boat.

My last to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. was of the 10th. Instant, since wch. wee have no manner of news only the Phousdar who pretends to have advices that Rustundell has gott this Country again, some report that y^{e}. English and Dutch have been fighting wth. the Moors in Bengall, and have killed a great Moor man; but that is no Letters of it,

The 14th. Instant the Yatch gott over the Barr, & a Portuguez called Diego de Meucre who paid 750 Pag^{s}. into the Comp^{as}. Cash for the Poor of Madrass, gott on board the ffly by the Masters Leave, without acquainting mee the Least of it, the Portuguez Padre Informed the Gov^{mt}. of it, and the Phousdar sent to demand him of me[e] & ordered 50 Peons to see that no boat nor Cattamaran went off, I thought it most adviseable to permitt him to be taken out, and brought ashore, for they demanded him or to pay 2000 Pag^{s}. wch. they s^{d}. he was indebted, he is come ashore and no mony is found many think he has left his mony wth. the Lascars on board the ffly, I delivered him to the Phousdar and desired they wo^{d}. not beat him more, wch. was granted, and the Phousdar requested mee to write to the Govr. of Madrass, that he would please not to be angry wth. M^{r}. Chapman for carrying him on board, at the same time gave permission for our boats to goe off.

M^{r}. Tillard has ordered the Lead to be to be taken out of the Yatch, & Guns to be put in being wanted at Madrass, wch. I have ordered provided the Master can do it with safety she being now at Sea otherways to sail away, M^{r}. ffaunce tells me that he beleives there is in the Yatch 2^{ps}. Sheet Lead not taken notice of weighing both 105^{lb}.

Since the aforesaid I have been Honrd. wth. yours of the 24th Ult^{o}. & shall carefully observe the Contents thereof, & an answer in my next to it, the Packet shall be dispatcht away im̃ediately to Vizagapatam,

HONO^{BLE} S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

THOMAS FFAUCETT.

METCHLEPATAM

NOV^{R}. Y^{E}. 16TH. 1704.

The Peons mett wth. troubles and much rain by the way wch. made them stay so long.

No. 124

TO THE HONO^{BLE} THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}.
COUNCIL.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Recd 27th. Novr. 1704

Being required by your Instructions to transmitt particular advices to Madrass, wee have as well for our own Satisfaction, as to enable us the more perfectly to comply wth. such your Com̃ands Kept a Diary of all matterial Transactions in this Place &c^{a}. to abstract wch. wo^{d}. be too voluminous for a Letter, wherefore have presumed to trouble your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. wth. a Coppy, and unless we are forbidden, purpose a continuance from time to time,

Wee not doubting to gain Leave for Liberty of building Brick Warehouses, request Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. to prevail with owners of shipping that are bound here, to take bricks and Chinam on board, in Room of Ballast, haveing wrote our Attorny to provide them, and being at charges boat hire, for the exportation, and wee promise to Load Ballast here in Leiu of the freight,

[Some of the Governm^t. hath insisted on haveing Letters wrote them when any comes for the King alledgeing twas always practised, & that the omission is a Derogation to them, touching which shall advice your Hono^r. &c^a. by a Coast ship, and every thing elce necessary for your satisfaction, in the interim take Leave to Subscribe

HONO^BLE S^R. &C^A.

AUG^ST. Y^E. 6TH. 1704. Your most Obed^t. Hum^ble. Serv^ts.

HEN. GRIFFITH.
CHA. BUGDEN.

No. 125

TO THE HONO^BLE THOMAS PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FFORT S^T.
GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCIL

HONO^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

About the beginning of last month through M^r. Empsons suspending himself the R^t. Hono^ble United Companys Service, by your Hono^r. &c^a. favour I was ordered youngest of Council of this Place, the Employ allotted said station by your Generall Letter is Land Customer and Scavenger of Cuddalore, which is the same that was allotted to M^r. Games, not many months past, which if your Hono^r. &c^a. vouchsafes to take the trouble to peruse our Generall Letter of the 14^t. past month, therein is recited the particular time of said orders, As M^r. Games Injoyed that Employ, so I had thoughts of expecting the Like favour, but it seems as yett to be controverted mee, thô for what just grounds I am altogether ignorant of, except it be your Hono^r. &c^as. pleasure therein which if so I am in Duty bound to obey and officiate in whatsoever Station your Hono^r. &c^a. shall please to appoint mee, but that your Hono^r. &c^a. may have a right information of this Affair, I must begg Leave to Lay before your Hono^r. &c^a. severall Presidents of such as have had the Land Customers Employ as youngest of Council here, M^r. Barwell, M^r. Jordan and M^r. Games (before my arrivall here, and for a Considerable time after) they all officiated as such in said Employ besides your Hono^r. &c^a. ordering M^r. Games said Post, when M^r. Berlu out of Europe by Ship Tavistock, was appointed youngest of Council here save one, I have now served the R^t. Hono^ble Company upwards of twenty years, (which is a Considerable time Longer then M^r. Games) wth out any Default that I am conscious of, except standing for my right may be imputed as such, which if I cannot be so happy as to obtain with your Hono^r &c^as. permission I shall then think of Endeavouring all just ways and means for redress, tis not for the Interest of said Employ, that I so much insist on, but only as my propper Post, as severall others have Injoyed the Like before mee, which if Your Hono^r. &c^a. in the Least questions, Your Hono^r. &c^a. may soon be satisfyed of from hence, for our Deputy Governour this want of time was not rightly informed thereof, when he wrote the Last Generall Letter about M^r. Game's request, wch. was moved by him on fryday. the Generall Letter being dispatcht the day following, This is what I have to offer to your Hono^r. &c^a. earnestly desiring your Hono^r. &c^as. serious Consideration of the matter, after which your Hono^r. &c^a. will, I hope, think it but reasonable to grant mee the Employ assigned mee by your Hono^r. &c^as. repeated orders, in Expectation of which with all due respects crave Leave to Subscribe Recd 30th. Novr. 1704

HONO^BLE S^R. &C^A.

CUDDALORE
NOV^R. 27TH. 1704.

Your Hono^r. &c^a. most Obed^t.
faithfull humble Servant

RICH^D. FFARMER.

No. 126

To the Hono^ble Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Governour of ffort S^r. George & President
[for affairs] of the R^t. Hono^ble. English East
India Company on the Coast of Chormandell
[in their] United trade &c^a. Council at Madrass.

Gentlemen,

Rec^d [—] Decr. 1704 Wee wrote you under the 10th. past May ℘ Cap^tn. Costlin, Copy of which goes Inclosed, wherein we advised you of the Settlement made by the Court of Mannagers rec^d by Ship Josia, and are sorry now to acquaint you, of the Differences and Disputes, It has occasioned between the Old. and New Companys Serv^ts. at Surat, on their knowledge thereof, through the Vile practices of the Gentlemen belonging to the Latter and the Ambitious humor of S^r. Nicholas Wait, Who as you will perceive by the Inclosed papers, has Little regard to his Masters orders, any farther then to attain his own ends,

On our being advised of Indirect, and underhand means, he had used to hinder S^r. John Gayer from Comeing to act in his Post, by getting guards to be Clapt on the Old ffactory, and imposeing on the Govr. of Surats beleive that said S^r. John Gayer was Generall no Longer then for three months, and if in said time he could not Satisfy, All demands, made upon the Old Company He was to take his Post, Wee thought fitt to write to the Govr. of Surat to undeceive him therein, and desired the Comodore of the men of Warr to do the Like, as likewise to write to S^r. Nicholas Wait, Not after such unjust a manner by Bribes &c^a. thus Entangle his Countrymen.

All which had little other effect, but a promise from the Govr. of Surat to represent all at Court, But S^r. Nicholas is so Liberall of his Masters Purse, that little elce was there represented, but what he thought suted to his advantage, His Brother sending up Vacke[el to the] Court, where in the name of all the Merchants [he] procured a Hospbul Hookum unfler Affet Cawns [Seal] that S^r. John Gayer should be detained till he [had] restored the People their Right, On receipt of said order the [Governour] of Surat sent for the Chief Merchants in Town, to [know] if they were the Persons that had procured it, [which they] denyed, and sent their Vackeels to declare at the [Durbar] that they were not at all concerned therein, and Abdull Guffore's Vuckeel further said that he Nassabat Cawn being Governour of Surat ought to Inform the King accordingly, and that seeing S^r. Nicholas Wait must be the Author thereof, as well as of former [Ill] things against his own Countrymen He could not consent to his going to Bombay, Except he wo^d. deposite twenty Laak of Rupees as a Security for the Protection of all Ships belonging to Surat, that are now abroad, Copy of foresaid order and Notification, sent from the Merch^ts. to the Govr. of Surat in referrance thereto is Inclosed, and wee are of Opinion that S^r. Nicholas has overshott the Mark to secure his retreat. So that wee beleive that neither S^r. John nor he will be able to come down to Bbay this Year, But if in case the Latter should come, Wee esteem he has acted so directly opposite to his Masters orders, as to render him uncapable of the Succession, Consequently the Mannagement of all will devolve on us, Which wee shall take upon us, as soon as the Limmitted time is out, That the United Trade may no Longer Suffer for want of a Head.

Ship Abbington arrived at Carwarr the 13th. of May last, not being able to reach this Port, She burying her Comander and Cheif Mate, the Ships Company was in some distraction, in appointing a Successor, so in order to Secure our Masters Estate on board her, Wee dispatcht Cap^tn. Pye the 11th. past month, to bring her up hither, Whom wee dayly expect to arrive us.

Cap^tn. Gostlin who sailed out hence the 19th. Last May, thrô stress of weather, was forced to put into Carwarr, by him you'l be advised of Ship Severn, Man of Warr, She comeing into this road as he went out.

Ship Scarborough Man of Warr arrived the 22d. of said month, both Ships have burried their Captn. & Captn. Leiutenants that Comanded them out of England, They touched at Maddagascar. Don Masquerina Mohela & Johanna, but to no other Purpose, then that they took two Men that were Pyrats, who afterwards made them Escape from them,

The great Mortallity on board both Ships, has rendered them in a very weak Condition and wee are of opinion that their Expedition will be of Little or no effect, They both proceeded to Surat the 30th. of last month.

The 8th. July imported Ship Donegall, who left England, the 13th. of Last ffebry. bound to Mocho, but Lost their Passage, We recd no Letters from our Masters by her, but the Gentlemen on board tell us, that the Westmerland designed directly for this Port, had recd her Dispatches, and was only detained thrô the desperate illness of her Comander on Shore.

The 26th. past arrived a Galliot Hoygh, from Batavia, who advises us of a Dozen Sail of Dutch Ships fitted out, and designed for Surat, Wee hear that there are three of them arrived at rivers mouth, wee scarce beleive that they will be at the Charge, of another Expedition as they was last year, without effecting any thing and beleive they intend to withdraw their ffactory, as wee hear they have already done at Bengall, so little likelyhood of any Trade this Year to be in Surat.

Wee dayly Expect the Howland from Persia.

Bombay Castle
the 13th. September 1704.

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant
John Burniston.
Willm. Aislabie.

No. 127

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of ffort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Our last was dated the 30th. of September of wch. a copy is Inclosed since which time wee have recd no advice from your Honor. &ca. either by Sea or by Land, but wee Suppose you wod. ere this have returned some of our Pattamars, if you had not dispatcht the Vessells, you designed to send us, of which nevertheless we can hear no news. Recd 2d. Decr. 1704.

By our Last advices from Captn. Lestly at Mannacorree, wee understand that the Natives have fortifyed themselves there, better then wee Expected, and planted 7 Guns to hinder our approaching the wreck with which they play upon the Monchu, and constrain her to lye at so great a distance, that Captn. Lestly is afraid he shall not be able to hinder them Long from working upon the wreck we cannot at present make above 130 Men in health, and fitt to bear arms, of which 50 must necessarily be left for safe guard of the ffort, and the remaining 80 wee esteem to few to Land in the face of so many thousands of the Natives, as will be ready to oppose us, besides of these 80 wee must leave 10 or 12 to defend the Vessells, and our Arms (as wee have in every Letter advised you) are wretched things and soe old and worn that in Excercise they so often fly about the Soldiers ears, that they are almost afraid to use them,

Wee recd the other day the Accompanying Packet from Bombay, by wch. you are doubtless advised how affairs stand at Surat, by what we can Learn the Old English, the Dutch and ffrench are all Confined to their ffactorys at Surat, and the Dutch design to Land considerable forces there and wth. draw their ffactory, unless

the Moors agree to reason S^r^. Nicholas Wait, they say is not confined but hindered by the Moors from repairing to Bombay, & therefore tis most likely that M^r^. Burniston will be Generall.

Upon the 4th. Instant arrived here the Horseham, and the Ann, the first about 350 and the other about 200 Tonns burthen, belonging to the separate stock, bound both for Surat or wheresoever elce Mr. Walter Combes the Supra Cargoe pleases, He Left England Aprill the 9th. in Company of a Convoy of 8 men of Warr, bound for Lisbon, with transport Vessells but Mr. Combes departed from them before they came to Portugall, all the News he brings is that King Charles of Spain is well arrived at Lisbon that the King of Portugall, besides our Succours will put 50000 Men in the feild, and that there is great hopes the Spaniards will Generally declare for the Arch Duke,

There are two Portuguez Ships arrived at Goa, who came from Lisbon in March, but add nothing to what Mr. Combes says only that a Spanish Gallion with 10 Millions of Cruizados, being forced by some English ffriggats into a Portugueze Port, became a prize to that King and that three other Gallions fell into our hands, wee shall be glad to hear this news confirmed,

The Little ffrench ship that was at Ponticherry met with Captn. Weolly off of Zeilone, about the middle of last month, and took him, but sold and released the Vessell again Keeping Captn. Weolly prisoner for the Ransom, upon the 24th. the ffrench Ship arrived at Callicut, and sett Captn. Weolly at Liberty upon Mr. Adams obligation to pay the mony, and upon the 8th. Instant Captn. Weollys Vessell arrived here, and is proceeded for Callicut,

Upon the 25th. October Captn. Harnett and Captn. Chamberlain arrived in Callicut road & Anchored quietly by the ffrenchman, both partys being unwilling to violate that Port, but upon the 27th. 2 Dutch Ships of good force, came thither and attacked the ffrench man, who nevertheless saved himself, by running into Shoal water, the ffrench Ship has taken on board Pepper 125 Candy at Callicut, and designed to take in some more to the Southward of that Place, wt. Course she'l steer afterwards we can't tell, but they report they are going to Surat, Wee most respectfully take Leave and remaine

ANJENGO HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

NOVR. YE 9TH 1704.

Your most Obedient & most
Faithfull Servants

JOHN BRABOURN.
SIMON COWSE.
WILLM. KYFFIN.
EZEKL. BODYCOAT.

No. 128

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
RT. HONOBLE. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY &CA. COUNCIL.

VIZAGAPATAM
20TH. NOVR. 1704.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Recd 6th. Decr. 1704.

On the 7th. Ultimo we were Honord. with yours of the 14th. September, wch. wee deferred answering till this opportunity, our frequent advices from Metchlepatam telling us the Road between you and them were unpassable,

As to our Investment haveing wrote your Honor. &ca. the needfull in ours of the 11t. Sepr. shall not now trouble you with a needless repetition further than to acquaint you there shall be no care wanting, in the washing, sorting, and Packing

of itt and the Musters you shall receive according to yr. orders and the Merchants have been directed to order the Weavours to make it something finer, and what wee Embale brown, wee choose out according to your directions,

Our Warehousekeepers List of what Cloth already come in you will receive herewith, and which will come in now daily in greater quantitys the excessive Rains that have fell this Year in this Place, haveing been a great impediment to our business, but wch. being now over our affairs will go on cherrily,

When wee receive your Accot. of what Errors in our Generall Books, we shall rectifie them, and adjust them with yours, and take care to prevent the Like for the future, and the Old Compas. Lead that is remaining, shall be sent upon the Chambers ffriggat, which by advice, of Captn. Raymond that called in here yesterday, wee may expect abot. the 10th. of next month, wee enclose our Diary and Consultation to the 19th. Instant and Remain

HONOBLE. &CA.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THO. STABLES.
ROBT. CRANWELL.

No. 129

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
RT. HONOBLE. UNITED ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY &CA. COUNCIL

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 27TH. NOVR. 1704.

HONOBLE. &CA.

This serves to accompany our Warehouse keepers List of goods brought in by the Merchants since our last of the 20th. Instant by Ship Dorothy, and to advise that Mudda Cawn is Certainly comeing to this Government, his Perwannas being gone to Chiccacull to the Mutta-Sardells two days since, if your Honor. &ca. will send us any Directions for our treaty with him, wee shall be sure to observe them, or if you please to leave it to us, wee shall be sure to do the best wee can, haveings a regard to frugallity as well as to the Honor. of our Nation, Interest, and Credit of our Masters, and wch. is wt. at present offers from

RECD 6 DECR. 1704.

HONOBLE. &CA.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THOMAS STABLES.
ROBT. CRANWELL.

No. 130

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

The Companys Yatch and ffly sailed out of this Road the 17th. Instant, Narrain at that time had not finished his business wth. the Merchts. nor did I think it agreable with Your Honor. &cas. orders to detain them, on accot. takeing in those few Bales, they might with safety carry; besides the Dorogo has been all along very troublesome, and at that time had ordered that none of our boat should goe off,

RECD 6TH. DECR. 1704 ₽ SHIP DOROTHY.

Six hydes of Leather shall be sent by the next opportunity, I being promised 'em to morrow, I returned yesterday from Maddapollam wth. Mr. Duke ffaunce, List of the Dead Stock I recd comes Inclosed, I left to look after both ffactoryes 4 Peons, each at 22 fans. ₽ month and one Gardner at 27 fa also a Braminy to take

the charge of all at 1 Pag^{s}. ℔ moth. I shall reduce them to a Less Number if your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. think fitting, there is also a Man to Look after the Deer, Hoggs, and Goats, the ffactorys are at a Distance from each other, and the Compounds are Large, the Wall of the Old ffactory wants repairing, & the washing godown is in Danger of falling, there is a great many good Timbers may be stole away, if there is not People enough to look after them

METCHLEPATAM NOV^{R}. Y^{E}. 28TH. 1704 HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most obedient hum^{ble}. Servt.

THO. FFAUCETT.

PS

Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. dispatch of the 14th. Instant just now reacht mee, M^{r}. ffaunce did not deliver mee the timbers at Maddapollam he is willing now provided M^{r}. Tillard allows them to be Dead stock the Pacquet shall be forw^{dd}. immediately, T. ff.

I send y^{e}. Comp^{as}. Pinnace wch. came 2 days agoe from Maddapollam by Cap^{tn}. Rose, who has promised to take care of her, and one Spotted Deer

Novr. 29th. The Dutch Cheif had Peons come this afternoon from Surat, the news he presently sent mee as follows, that their Chief there had taken 3 or 4 Moor Merch^{ts}, and had sent them on board Ship Prisoners, That Shawlim the Kings son had spoke in the Dutch behalf, and that the Mogull layd the blame upon the Govr. of Surat and turned him out, that matters were accomodated between them and the Moors, that the English had two Men of Wars there, that theire ffactory was shutt up Still, but the Moors had begun to treat wth. them after an Amicable manner, that the ffrench were at Liberty, Your Servt.

THO. FFAUCETT.

No. 131

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCILL

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

RECD. 6TH. DECR. 1704 ℔ SHIP DOROTHY.

Yesterday Ship Dorothy arrived in this road bound for Madrass, M^{r}. Holcombe writes mee and M^{r}. Baker, to take what goods wee thought fitting on Shore, excepting the Rice, which wee have ordered, yett there will not be room for the Comp^{as}. Bales, which I and Kittee Narrain, thought best to send away in this Ship, so have ordered the Cap^{tn}. to send as much Rice ashore, as is required to make Room for 60 Bales as for Timbers he says he can carry none,

Wee this day recd your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 18th. Instant, and have well Considered of what you write, and are still of the Opinion, that the best way is to embrace this opportunity to send up the Bales, for the Tavistock goes directly from Bengall home as they say, and Ship Dutchess is passed by to Maddrass; the Chambers ffriggat touches at Vizagapatam, which wee cannot expect here, besides wee are under apprehensions of troubles that may arise from a change of Government wch. is dayly expected here, upon these considerations wee have resolved to send them on the Dorothy, w^{ca}. wee hope your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. will not disapprove of, Wee have Endeavoured to agree wth. Cap^{tn}. Rose for the freight haveing offered 1 Pa ℔ Bale, he insist upon what is customary, so there is no remedy but to referr the trouble to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. The Dorogo who has an Absolute power at the Bancksall has frequently put a Stop to our Boats and other business under the pretence of haveing Presents due to him and has yesterday and this day refused to lett the Companys Bales goe off and after a Second deniall, wee could not think of

any way or means to gett the Bales on board, without giveing him a present and consequently no avoiding a Present to the Phousdar, Waccanees &ca. wee made their Present as Little as Possible, a perticular accot. of which shall be sent our next Wee are

METCHLEPATAM HONBLE. SR. &CA.

9BR. 29TH. 1704. Your most Obedient Servants

THOMS. FFAUCETT.
KITTEE NARRAIN.

No 132

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT &CA. COUNCIL

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

This serves to Inclose the Bill of Ladeing for the Companys Goods on board Ship Dorothy I am RECD 6TH. NOVR 1704 ℘ SHIP DOROTHY.

METCHLEPATAM Your Obedient Servant

DECEMBER ℘MO. 1704. THOMS. FAUCETT.

No. 133

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM KITTEE NARRAIN

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

I recd your Honor. &cas. Generall Letter and observe the Contents thereof, Three days after which the Dorothy Captn. Bose belonging to Mr. Holcombe arrived from Vizagapatam, and your orders being to Lade the Companys Goods on any Vessell bound to your Place, I agreed wth. Mr. Wilcox and Captn. Rose to take them in, and promised 'em a pagoda ℘ bale, but they said they wod. referr that to your Honour, RECD 6TH. DECR. 1704 ℘ SHIP DOROTHY.

There comes on this Vessell 57 bales of Chey goods, and three bales of Sallampores, the Bill of Ladeing for the same is inclosed in Mr. ffaucets Lre,

I have hyred a boat to come to Madrass, and shall in three days be returning to kiss your hands,

The mony I want for the clearing the accot. of these goods I endeavoured if possible to procure a Bill on you, but in vain, so I must take some other measures to borrow it, and satisfie these Merchants, and then shall conclude the Invoice and bring it with mee, though I find it very difficult to gett money, yett some how or other I'le see this business finisht, before I depart hence,

Here is news from Surat of the Dutch have accomodated matters, with the Governmt. of which Mr. ffaucet will write you more largely,

Tis reported here that the Nabob Rustundell is put out of his office and that a new Phouzdar is Erected for this place, of all wch. matters shall inform Your Honor. more fully on my arrivall with you.

METCHLEPATAM
DECEMBER THE 3D. 1704.

		Bales.		ps.		Cor.
A No. 3	Allajars ...	... 20	each Bale	80	is	80
C P No. 3	Collawapoos ...	... 15	... ...	80	... ...	60
S C N 3	Sacerguntees ...	... 2	... ...	90	... ...	9
G C No. 3	Goacons ...	... 9	... ...	80	... ...	36
R S N. 3	Sarsagunty Romlls. ...	3	... ...	160	... ...	24
R B ...	Bengall Romalls	... 8	... ...	160	... ...	64
S F No. 4	Sallampores	... 3	... ...	100	... ...	15
		60				288

No. 134

VIZAGAPATAM
30TH. NOVR. 1704.

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOBLE. &CA.

RECD 7TH. DECR. 1704. On the 29th. Instant was Honord. wth. yours of 24th. October wth. the accompanying Bengall Packetts which the ways to the Northward of Chiccacull being unpassable wee forwarded this day by Ship Samuel to Ganjam, wch. wee hope you'l approve of,

Wee shall take particular care in collecting the Investment, without bad Debts or arrears and remitt it you all this Monsoon and when the Ship from Bengall Calls on us, Lade what Bales wee have ready for her, and dispatch her with the greatest Expedition, and what shall be remaining at that time we will send up by one of Mr. Holcombs Ships,

As to the Europe Cloth had wee kept it to have retailed it, wee might have sold it at better rates, but your Honor. &cas. order to us being so pressing for to vend it, that at prime Cost we thought wee had done well & hoped to receive your applause for the same.

Wee have no news as yett of any French Ships, any where on this Coast nor any discourse of any comeing, when wee hear the least matter thereof, wee shall be sure to give speedy advice, both to your Honr. &ca. and to Metchlepatam as you direct,

Wee have recd your Accomptants remarks on our Generall Bookes, and shall rectifie ours thereby and for the future keep them according to that Method and which haveing writt Your Honor. &ca. twice so lately is the present needfull from

HONOBLE. &CA.

Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THOMAS STABLES.
ROBT. CRANWELL.

No. 135

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

RECD 10TH. DECR. 1704. These serves to Include and Accot. of Timber and Plank sent by Manila Papana Boat, hyred by Mr. ffaunce and permitted to be put at the bottom of the boat, wch. the Braminy took an Accot. of belonging to the Rt. Honoble. United Company the Pinnice oares were left behind at Maddapollam, and are now sent,

HONOBLE. SR. &CAS.

Your most Obedient Servant

THOMAS FFAUCETT.

I have lent them 4 Tarpolins to be put over their Goods wch are to be returned

METCHLEPATAM
DECR. THE 5TH. 1704.

No. 136

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t. Hono^ble
United English East India Company, on
the Coast of Chormandell, and Governour
of ffort S^t. George and S^t. David &c^a. Council.

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Wee have before us unanswered yours of the 14th past month, and on the 5th. instant ℘ Ketch Huglyana came to hand yours of the 30th. Recd. 12th. Decr. 1704 ℘ Pattamars.

The Nabob has been arrived at Arcott some time, and gives out he intends for Tanjore in his way thither, or return, perhaps he may be troublesome to us here, therefore request your Hono^r &c^as. orders, and if a present be thought necessary desire you will please to send us some fine broad cloth, and what elce you think convenient, for wee have nothing in the warehouse propper for that use, Wee shall provide all wee can for our necessary defence and have a Due regard not to be surprized, but wee are in very great want of Men, of which wee have often requested a Supply,

By Ketch Huglyana wee rēcd two Chests of Treasure, containing Fifteen Thousand Pagodas of which was two Thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas in Bills, the Persons they are drawn on, have promised payment in due time, Wee have also rec͂d Invoice and Bill of Loading for some Packing stuff and Wax of the former wee shall want a greater quantity then you have been pleased to send us by this Conveyance, therefore by the next request a further Supply,

Wee have ordered the Ketch into the River when shall Expedite her repair what possible lyes in our Power, Wee have rēcd her List of Stores wch. the store-keeper has charge of for her use, we shall timely advise when she is repaired and then follow your Hono^r. &c^as. further directions in freighting her with the R^t. Hono^ble. United Companys Bales,

Wee are sorry to hear the ffrench Ship has taken the Tibby Ketch, It is reported here, she is designed from Callicut for the head of Atcheen to Cruse for prizes there,

Wee return your Hono^r &c^a our thanks for complying with our Bill for Pagodas four hundred payable to M^r. Hunt, and hope you will be pleased speedily to send us hither a state Horse, and some others, for Wee are in great want thereof, The roads are now good, and the Juncanneers have of Late forbore giveing our people any trouble as they pass,

Inclosed wee rēcd M^r. ffarmer's Letter to your Hon^r. &c^a. for our perusall, he is very sorry has used any expression therein, should be esteemed unmannerly or Disobligeing, Persuant to your Hono^r. &c^as Direction, wee shall continue M^r. Games Land Customer, and Scavenger of Cuddalore, and M^r. Farmer has appoined (*sic*) him Sea and Land Customer Tevenap^m. the only plce Vacant, and such a one as Generally officiated by one of this Council, The Rest of the Gentlemen are Stationed, as in your Hon^r. &c^as Generall Letter of the 16th ffeb^ry. if with your approbation

The Yatch and ffly arrived, here the 6th. Instant, and were dispatched again Yesterday, the latter broke her Iron transome in her passage hither, which wee gott mended, and the Deputy Govr. by orders from the Hono^ble President put on board one Thomas Browne, belonging to the Gunn roome for their Pilot, who upon examination assured us had Pilotted severall Vessells, between Zeilone and the Main, therefore hope they will have a safe passage, and meet with success in their intended design.

Inclosed wee send a List of Stores belonging to our Old Masters, with their quantity and prizes, Which wee are of opinion is necessary to be bought of them for the use of this Garrison account the United Trade, If you approve thereof wee shall Credit our Old Masters for their amount

Serjeant Brannin very willingly consents to have two Pag^{s}. a month deducted out of his pay for his Wife's subsistance, wch wee will be sure to remitt monthly by our Peons, Wee have not to add but our humble Respects and Subscribe

Fort S^{T}. David — Hono^{BLE} S^{R}. &c^{A}.

December ye. 8TH. 1704 — Your most humble Servants

Gabriel Roberts.
E. Mountague.
Vices^{s} Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.
Rich^{D}. ffarmer.

No. 137

To the Hono^{BLE}. Thomas Pitt Esq^{R}.
President and Governour for Affairs of the
R^{T}. Hono^{BLE}. United English East India
Company &c^{A}. Council

Hono^{BLE}. &c^{A}.

Recd. 13th. Decr. 1704 ℘ Ship Speedwell. Our last was the 30th. Ulto^{o}. which hope ere this is arrived, and to which referr this Comes ℘ M^{r}. Holcombs Ship the Speedwell which is just on dispatch to advise this minute the receipt of yours of the 14th. Ult^{o}. wth. the Bengall Packett which wee shall immediately dispeed.

The Dutch Cheif sent M^{r}. Holcombe just now advice by the Master of the Vessell there was a ffrench ship and Sloop cruseing on the Coast but in what part cannot tell, the goods M^{r}. ffaucet left here are long Since safe arrived as ℘ his advice & which is what at present offers from

Vizagapatam — Hono^{BLE} &ca.

Dec^{R}. y^{E}. 6TH. 1704. — Your most humble Servants.

Simon Holcombe.
Thomas Stables.
Rob^{T}. Cranwell.

No. 138

To the Honoble Thomas Pitt Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council.

Honoble S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Recd. 16th. Decr. 1704. By Ship Dorothy which sailed hence for Madrass the 3^{d}. Instant, I advised of the receipt of your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 14th. & 18th. Ultimo.

I shall endeavour to agree wth. y^{e}. Noquedah of Rama Chunduloes Vessell to carry up those timbers of the New Company's to Madrass or send them by a boat,

I send Copys of the Lists of Dead Stock I rēcd of the New Companys there and at Maddapoll^{m}. the Old Companys I found right in both places, also Copy's of what I sent to Maddrass by Mamilo Papanas boat & Bill Loading of the Companys Goods sent ℘ Dorothy.

The Jaggery I rēcd at Maddapollam in my opinion is of Little Vallue wch. I judge so by the Smell and thinness of it, they say it will serve to mixt wth. the Chinam, to plaister the walls of wch. there is a necessity for the Bricks being not well made, moulders away.

I also return Vizagapatam Generall Letter.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient Servant
THO: FFAUCETT.

MATCHLEPATAM
DECEMBER YE. 6TH. 1704.

No. 139

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
&C^{A}. COUNCIL,

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Our last was dated the 9th. Instant, and this serves Cheifly to cover the Inclosed Letter from Callicut adviseing us of the arrivall of four french Ships near Tellicherry, wee have sent orders to the Comp^{as}. Moncheu Rideing at Mannacorree, to give notice of them to all ships that they happen to see, Recd. 16th. Decem^{r}. 1704.

We are extremely concerned that wee can hear nothing from your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. neither by Sea nor by land, touching the aid you designed to send us, to recover the Neptunes treasure,

The wreck as wee formerly advised lyes close to the Shore in very Shoal water, and though the Natives have raised severall platforms, to cover their Divers, yett Capt^{tn}. Lestly in the Companys Monchua, made a shift to hinder them from working upon the wreck, continually exposeing himself and y^{e}. Monchua to the fire of the Natives, without receiving any considerable Damage wch. is very strange, but upon the 12th. Instant, we were forced to send one Ensign Seriverrus to relieve him, because the Cap^{tn}. fell indisposed and lame, thrô the hardship wch. for 2 months togather he endured in that open boat.

And now wee hear that there is a King of Trevencore Established, who is gone to Mannacorree with 7 or 8,000 people designing to use his utmost Endeavour, to beat of the Monchew, and take up what is to be found in the Sea,

The Chief &c^{a}. of Callicut have sent us a Sergeant and 10 men from Tellicherry by wch. nevertheless wee are nothing Stronger then wee were, because as great a Number of the Neptunes people are dead, of wch. 4 were drowned,

Nevertheless we would certainly land all Mannacorree with the few men wee have, if wee had good arms for them, but those wee have are so extream bad that everybody is disheartned, If wee knew we should not receive succours from your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. nor from Bombay, 'tis likely we should venture upon any Terms and in any condition to land rather then suffer all the mony to be lost after haveing been at so much trouble, charge and Vexation, about it Wee most respectfully take leave and rest,

ANJENGO
NOV^{R}. 17TH. 1704.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obedient & humble
Serv^{ts}.

JOHN BRABOURN.
SIMON COWSE.
WILL^{M}. KYFFIN.
EZEK^{L}. BODYCOAT.

No. 140

Callicut Generall Letter to Anjengo.

Worp^{ll} S^{r}.

Recd. 16th Decr. 1704. This is ℘ express boat to advise the arrivall of four french Ships at Punella, about half a League to the Southward of Tellicherry, they advise us from thence that they seem to be large Ships of at least 50 Guns each, they sailed by said place about 11 a Clock at noon, when sent a boat ashore full of People, what there design is as yett cannot inform your Worship &c^{a}. but shall not fail to advise as hear of their proceedings, in the interim this is advice of their arrivall, that so your Worp &c^{a}. may advice what shipping falls in with your Port, that so they may shunn the Danger,

The ffrench had yesterday a Letter from Surat wch gives an acco^{t}. of 7 Dutch and 2 English Ships being there and that the Dutch have seized an Umbra and stop't the mony and goods belonging to the Merchants that freighted from Mocho on the Dutch Convoy to the Amo^{t} 700,000 Dollars, so that all is in confusion in those parts, this being about 12 at Night do not Inlarge but Rest,

Worp^{ll}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your most humble Servants

Robert Adams.
John Johnson.

Callicutt
ye 8th Novr. 1704.

No. 141

Maddrasspatam

To the Hono^{ble} Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Govr. of ffort S^{t}. George, and President of the Coast of Chormandell for Affairs of the R^{t}. Hono^{ble} English East India Comp^{a}. &c^{a}. Council,

as also

To the Worp^{ll} Gabriel Roberts Dep^{ty}.
Govr. of the fforts and Cittys on the same Coast, belonging to the said R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Present at ffort S^{t}. David &c^{a}. Council

Hono^{ble} S^{rs}. and Worthy ffriends,

Recd. 16th Dec. 1704. The accompanying papers being the Copys of those which wee rec̃d from the Mallabar Coast over Tutacorin yesterday, and this day some of them which wee thought fitt to send your Hono^{rs}. as we do now with all speed, by which papers appears the arrivall, on that Coast, of Five french Ships, Whereof four left Callicut the first of this month sailing for Pondicherry as appears further by the said Papers, By these news wee do believe, that the Deputy Governour Gabriel Roberts, was mistaken in his adviseing us of the News from Pondicherry, of the arrivall in Bengall of four french Ships, our Enemys, however wee return him thanks for his Civillity, at present wee have nothing more. God preserve Your Hono^{rs}. we Remain,

Hono^{ble} S^{rs}.

Your Hono^{rs}. faithfull friends and most humble Servants

Direck Comans and Council.

Negapatam,
Decr ye 20th 1704.

No. 142.

To the Hono^ble Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t. Hono^ble United English East India Company on the Coast of Chormandell, and Govr. of ffforts S^t. George and S^t. David &c^a. Council

Hono^ble S^r. &c^a.

Our last to your Hono^r. &c^a. was of the 8th Instant this serves Cheifly for the Covert of the Inclosed Papers and Letters which wee rec̃d this day from Negapatam and haveing here nobody capable of reading it, wee are but very little Informed of the Purport thereof, and therefore request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to send us its Translates, for our better Information, The most matterial news wee can pick out is, that the four french Ships are arrived att Calicut, and sailed from thence the beginning of this month, with intentions to fetch Pondicherry if possible, but the Season of the Year not permitting its thought they are bound for Muscat, Recd. 15th Decr. 1704.

The last supply of money wee rec̃d from your Hono^r. &c^a. wee have paid to our Merchants for cloth bro^t. in, therefore request you will please speedily to send us another Supply, for at this time Wee are considerably in Debt to our Merchants, for what is already embaled, and except wee can supply them with small Payments, it will much detard the Investment, Wee respectfully remain,

No Date

Hono^ble S^r. &c^a.

Your most humble Servants

Gabriel Roberts.
E. Mountague.
Vice^s Griffith.
Ralph Ingram.
John Berlu.
Trevor Games.
Rich^d. ffarmer.

No. 143.

To the Hono^ble Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of ffort S^t. George and Council for Affairs of the Hono^ble English United Company Tradeing to the East Indies

S^rs.

Wee wrote to your Hono^r. &c^a. by the Dutchess Cap^tn. Raymond who the Pilot left the 14th Curr^t. in 17 fathom water with an easie fresh gale, God send him to you in safety Wee, suppose that conveyance safe, so need not repeat any thing wee wrote by him, this goes by the Sedgwick Richard Rawlins Master bound for Maddrass, Recd. 22d Decr. 1704 ℘ Ship Sedgwick.

The Chambers ffriggat will sail about the beginning of X^br for your Port, but in her way touch at Vizagapatam, Wee have Laden on board her 2,000 baggs of Salt Petre to be delivered to yourselves, for acco^t. the United Trade, as ℘ Inclosed Bill of Ladeing the freight whereof we have paid here,

The Martha shall God willing be dispatcht towards you abo^t 20th X^br. with 500 Tons Salt Petre packing Stuff &c^a. wee have paid Cap^tn Raymond 1,200 Sp^a Doll^rs the full sũme to be advanced to him by Charterparty agreement, and Cap^tn, Goodman haveing also requested it, wee have p^d. Sp^a. Doll^rs. 1650 wch is the full sũme to be advanced him by Charterparty Agreem^t.

The Martha Rideing in Ballasore road wee cannot gett her Loaden in time without the help of all our Sloops, those therefore wee design for you shall follow, presently after she is dispatcht Loaden wth Petre and Stores for your Place,

Wee hope to dispatch the Tavistock and Scipio both directly for England in due time the first before the end of X^{br}. the other as soon after as possible,

The Monsoon being over wee shall be glad to hear what success your endeavours to save the Neptunes Treasure has mett wth, Of late wee have found difficulty to have goods pass to us from Hugly, the Governour there demanding extravagant presents and Bribes, wch wee could not consent to give so thought it necessary to send, M^{r}. Winder and M^{r}. Redshaw wth. about 30 Redcoats to Hugly which has had the effect wee expected the Government being grown Mild, on easier terms then elce they would have been, and wee hope they will continue favourable till all our Shipping is Dispatcht.

Wee have elected into the United Service and continued those Gentlemen in Patna, that were there acco^{t}. the Old Comp^{a} and are sending two more to accompany them, to forward that business in order to procure the Salt Petre as fine and good as our Masters Direct for the next Season for wee cannot pretend to comply with their comands in this Affair without that ffactory is settled being obliged to buy such Petre as we can gett for ready mony which is nothing so fine as they direct.

Our Vacqueel is Soliciting the Kings Duan Mussoodecolychun now at Ballasore and wee have consented if Rup^{s}. 15000 will purchase his Sannud for our Usuall freedom of Trade that he agree and take it out Which (when we have it) will prevent the trouble and delays, besides great part of the Charge, wee now are forced to bear wth, from Petty officers allmost in every place where we have dealings Wee are,

Hono^{BLE} S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Fort William,
24TH Nov^{R}. 1704.

Your very humble Servants,

Rob^{T}. Hedges.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.
Rob^{T}. Nightingal.
George Redshaw.
Benj^{N}. Bowcher.
Edw^{D}. Pattle.

No. 144.

To the Hono^{BLE}. Thomas Pitt Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council

Hono^{BLE} S^{R}. &c^{A}.

cd. 22d c r. 1704. These comes to Include an acco^{t}. of what has been Presented to the Phousdar of this Place &c^{a} Officers, what Kittee Narrain had, for the Merchants, he will be accountable to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. at Madrass,

I wrote your Hono^{r} &c^{a}. ℘ the Dorothy of the Dutch and ffrench Peons arrivall here from Suratt, the former came only from Gulcondah, from their Resid^{t}. there, who had the Surat News from some Moors, that came from thence to Gulcondah, the Dutch Chief tells mee he beleives the News to be true, finding that news the ffrench brought agree with his, but admires they should not yett receive Letters from Surat,

It will cost 25 Pagodas to send those timbers at Maddapollam in Rama Chunduloes Vessel and the Noquedah is unwilling to carry the Deer, and Goats, wch. makes mee think the best way will be to hire a Country boat, wch may be done for 10 Pag^{s} more or thereabouts, there being peices of Old Teak Plank to fill her, if not it may be done with firewood,

It is again reported that there is a new Govr. comeing hither, and is within 5 or 6 days Journy and that Waccannees is makeing ready to meet him.

Metchlepatam,
Dec^{R}. y^{E} 12TH : 1704.

Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. most humble
and most Obedient Servt.

Thom^{s} ffaucett.

No. 145.

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^. Hono^ble^. United
East India Comp^a^. and Govr. of ffort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

S^r^.

Understanding you 've lately rec^d^ advices (bearing date 8th. Novr. last) of the arrivall of four french Ships at Dellicherry [*sic*] on the Mallabar Coast, two of them Men of Warr of 60 Guns, and the others Merchants Ships of 40 Guns each, which by some Later advices its said, were seen about the latter end of the same month off Calicutt, & standing to the southward of that Place, whither bound being uncertain, and their design unknown & therefore humbly desire your Hono^{r}. & Council will be pleased to give mee your advice, and directions (this road being so very open and Dangerous, and the probability of the Enemys comeing hither so very great) how I may best act for the welfare, safety and Security of the R^{t}. Honble. united East India Companys effects, which are or may be put on board the Ship Dutchess, wch. I comand, I am with the greatest respect Recd. 23d Decr 1704.

Fort S^{t}. George Hono^{ble}. S^{rs}.

Decr. y^{e}. 21st. 1704. Your very Dutifull & Obedient

humble Servant

Hugh Raymond.

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